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## Judge rejects ex-Waterbury mayor's release

Phil Giordano, convicted of sexual assault in 2003, loses another appeal to have his 37-year prison sentence reduced

By **Edmund H. Mahony**  
Hartford Courant

Former Waterbury Mayor Philip Giordano has lost another attempt to reduce the 37-year prison sentence he is serving for sexually abusing two pre-teenage girls.

U.S. District Judge Stefan Underhill rejected Giordano's latest effort to get out of prison early, a plea for compassionate release based on what he called the threat to his health from the COVID-19 pandemic, the chronic pain he suffers from a neck condition and the fact that he has been rehabilitated and is no longer a threat to the public.

Underhill dismissed Giordano's pleas for sympathy and said the former mayor's lack of contrition and the seriousness of his crimes justify the full sentence. Giordano was convicted of charges that, over at least six months, he repeatedly raped the daughter and niece of a Waterbury sex worker, sometimes in his City Hall office. The woman and Giordano were in a relationship at the time.

Giordano, 59, has been appealing and challenging his sentence continuously since his conviction in 2003. The closest he came to success was in 2006, when an appeals court told Giordano's sentencing judge to reexamine the 37-year sentence to deter-

mine whether it was appropriate under a then-new Supreme Court decision. The sentencing judge said it was.

Giordano, now confined in the medium security federal prison in Yazoo City, Mississippi, could have been given a life sentence but was spared because he agreed to cooperate with the FBI after he had been taken into custody for sexually abusing the children. At that point, Giordano told investigators he had been taking payoffs from a mob-connected construction executive who was building a new Waterbury animal shelter.

He also asked investigators whether it was possible that the

child rape charges "could just go away."

"Though I do not discount the impact of a lengthy term of incarceration on Giordano or his loved ones, particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic, his failure to acknowledge the harm his actions caused does not jibe with his claim that he would pose no danger to the public were his sentence to be reduced to time-served," Underhill wrote in a decision denying compassionate release.

Federal prosecutors have said for years that Giordano's lack of candor — they say he has been lying since his

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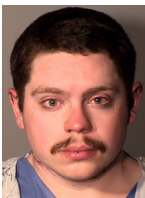
A photo released in January 2017 shows former Waterbury Mayor Philip Giordano. **CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION**

## Navy tech accused of killing wife enters plea of not guilty

He also allegedly tried to kill toddler son by setting fire to New London home

By **Taylor Hartz**  
Hartford Courant

George Bryan Dodson II, the 23-year-old Navy technician charged with killing his wife and setting their New London home on fire in an alleged attempt to kill their son, appeared in court Monday morning and entered a plea of not guilty.



Dodson

Dodson is charged with murder, attempted murder, arson and cruelty to animals after allegedly setting fires throughout his family's Sherman Street home July 20 after killing his 23-year-old wife Shelby Dodson using a hammer, according to the New London Police Department.

Dodson appeared in New London Superior Court Part A, where major crimes are heard, before Judge Hilary Strackbein about 11 a.m. He was brought in from the Department of Correction wearing a bright orange jumpsuit, a maroon face mask and glasses.

Strackbein waived Dodson's probable cause hearing at the request of his attorney, Mike Miller, and Dodson pleaded not guilty to the alleged crimes.

On July 20, New London police responded to reports of a fire at the couple's home about 10:30 p.m. They found Dodson kneeling in the grass covered in blood and soot, according to police.

Dodson remained quiet at first, police said, but allegedly confessed to the crimes when a first responder asked him what happened.

"I did this, I killed her," he said, according to the police reports.

He then told police that his wife, their 13-month-old son and their dog were inside the blazing house.

Dodson allegedly told police that he killed his wife because they were in an open relationship and he had become jealous, and allegedly said he set the fires to try to kill their son "rather than having to use

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Attorney General William Tong greets U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, right, at the public hearing Monday to scrutinize the 13 rate filings from nine health insurers. Cigna Health and Life insurance company is requesting a 19.6% increase. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

## Insurance department hears reaction on rates

Double-digit increase plan faces backlash; 'you can't downsize your health care'

By **Jenna Carlesso**  
CT Mirror

Mike Smith counts himself as lucky. When, at 21, he discovered a golf ball-sized tumor on his neck, he had health coverage and a support system to back him up.

"I was lucky because it was only stage 2A when I was diagnosed," said Smith, now 35. "I was lucky that my mom worked a job that provided good, quality health insurance. Otherwise, I'd still be crawling out of the nearly million dollars in medical care needed to keep me alive. But we shouldn't leave the health and the financial fate of our family, friends and neighbors to luck."

Smith asked representatives of the state's insurance department to reject the 20.4% average increase that insurance companies are seeking for 2023 individual health plans in Connecticut.

"Health insurance prices have gone up. But unlike a pickup

truck or an SUV, you can't downsize your health care and save on gas," he said. "When costs for health insurance get too expensive, you go without. We can, we should, and we must do better."

"If we ask the hard questions, we can fix this system so the survival that's driving a tough medical diagnosis, both physically and financially, isn't based purely on luck."

Smith was one of dozens of residents and elected and appointed officials who addressed the insurance department Monday, asking its leaders to dismiss a request by insurance companies to raise rates on next year's health policies.

In addition to the substantial average increase on individual plans, insurers who sell policies on and off Connecticut's Affordable Care Act Exchange are seeking an average hike of 14.8% on small group plans.

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## Giuliani told he's target of Georgia investigation

Lawyer overseeing Trump effort may be charged criminally

By **Kate Brumbach and Jill Colvin**  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Prosecutors in Atlanta on Monday told lawyers for Rudy Giuliani that he's a target

of their criminal investigation into possible illegal attempts by then-President Donald Trump and others to interfere in the 2020 general election in Georgia.

Special prosecutor Nathan Wade alerted Giuliani's local attorney in Atlanta that the former New York City mayor could face criminal charges, another Giuliani attorney, Robert Costello, said.

The revelation that Giuliani, a lawyer for Trump, is a target of

the investigation by Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis pushes the probe closer to the former president. Willis has said she is considering calling Trump to testify before the special grand jury, and the former president has hired a criminal defense attorney in Atlanta.

Law enforcement scrutiny of Trump's actions is escalating.

Last week, the FBI searched his Florida home as part of an investi-

gation into whether he took classified records from the White House to Mar-a-Lago. He is also facing a civil investigation in New York over allegations that his company, the Trump Organization, misled banks and tax authorities about the value of his assets.

And the Justice Department is investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol by Trump supporters and efforts to overturn the election he falsely

claimed was stolen.

Giuliani, who spread false claims of election fraud in Atlanta's Fulton County as he led efforts to overturn the state's election results, is scheduled to testify Wednesday before a special grand jury impaneled at Willis' request.

Also Monday, a federal judge said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., must testify before the special

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### PorchFest: A day of free, outdoor music

PorchFest, a day of free concerts by local musicians performed on front porches of homes and businesses, is coming back to four Connecticut towns this year. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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arrest — undermines his claims to have been rehabilitated.

Among other things, Giordano, a former lawyer, argued in his request for compassionate release that one of the measures of his rehabilitation is his record of donating his time to help other inmates working on appeals or other legal work in prison.

In fact, the prosecutors say, Giordano has a record of prison disciplinary infractions, some of which involve him breaking prison rules by taking cash payments from inmates or their families for legal advice.

“What he purposefully fails to advise the Court because he twists the truth and has no credibility, is that he charged his fellow inmates or their family members money and collected money for his legal services in violation of (Bureau of Prisons) rules and was disciplined for it on multiple occasions, prosecutor Peter C. Jongbloed said in a court filing.

Giordano has repeatedly denied abusing the children, at his trial and in the appeals and challenges that followed. His denials continued even after he told his original defense lawyer in 2003 that he thought he would be acquitted of the rape charges because his principal accusers, the victims, would be afraid to confront him in court.

In his opposition to early release, Jongbloed wrote: “it is difficult to comprehend how any Governmental entity would rely on any information Giordano provided and how useful it could be given the passage of time.”

\$16M grant will finish Farmington trail

By Kenneth R. Gosselin  
Hartford Courant

A federal grant of about \$16 million will help finance the completion of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail in Plainville, part of a \$30 million project that also would connect the heritage trail to downtown New Britain.

Construction is expected to begin within a year, according to the Capitol Region Council of Governments, which is overseeing the project.

The heritage trail follows along the route of the 84-mile, historic canal that once connected New Haven with Northampton, Mass. and was later replaced by rail lines. The funding will finance the construction of a 2.7-mile stretch that will join the Northern and Southern ends of the heritage trail, which began coming together in the 1980s.

The heritage trail also will be connected with a new trail in Plainville that will run four miles to the CTfastrak trail at the busway's downtown New Britain station.

Both trails are part of a larger vision to connect urban, suburban and rural communities with bicy-



A stretch of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail in Cheshire. New federal funding will help joining the Northern and Southern sections of the trail in Plainville. COURANT FILE PHOTO

cling and walking options for recreation but also link to mass transit systems such as CTfastrak.

The completion of the heritage trail also will close one of the greater Hartford region's two major, off-road gaps in the East Coast Greenway, a 3,000-mile trail from Maine to Florida.

Funding also includes \$13.2 million in state funds and \$600,000 from the state Department of Transporta-

tion's Community Connectivity program that seeks to foster transportation connections for bicyclists and pedestrians.

In a joint release, U.S. Sens. Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy, both D-Conn., said the federal funding will expand commuter options in the Farmington Valley.

“Smart infrastructure investments create jobs and further economic develop-

ment while improving quality of life,” Murphy said. The completion of the heritage trail “will offer residents more recreation opportunities, connect communities and provide an alternative way to commute.”

Blumenthal described the heritage trail as a “real gem in the Farmington Valley.”

“Every weekend, dozens of families and outdoor enthusiasts flock to the trail to walk, ride bikes or fish on

the banks of the Farmington River,” Blumenthal said. “With this funding, CRCOG will finally be able to close the gap between the Northern and Southern portions of the trail and build a path to the CTfastrak station in downtown New Britain.”

In New Britain, CRCOG said, the new trail will further boost the city's aggressive moves to roll out a multi-phase “Complete Streets” plan. Three phases of the plan have already been completed and a fourth is scheduled for this year.

The plan involves road “diets,” bike lanes, expansion of the city's central park, streetscape and intersection improvements and its Beehive Bridge project.

“Now more than ever people are prioritizing outdoor recreation and environmentally-friendly modes of transportation,” New Britain Mayor Erin E. Stewart said, in a release. “This trail connectivity project will enhance opportunities for people to enjoy nature, explore local landmarks and travel between neighboring communities.”

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the hammer or the knife.”

According to the United States Navy, the Dodsons were relocated to the New London area about three years ago. Dodson, an electronics technician who has been in the Navy since 2017, was stationed on the USS Newport News, which is home-ported at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton, since June 2019. Prior to his station in Groton, he was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia.

On the night of the

murder, police found Shelby Dodson on a floor inside the house. She was rushed to a hospital where she died. A hammer was found on a kitchen counter near the sink, according to police.

Investigators found that multiple fires had been intentionally set throughout the house, one on the couch in the living room, one on a chair in an upstairs bedroom and one at the center of the bed in another upstairs bedroom, police said. Dodson confessed that he started the fires, records show.

The couple's baby boy was found “conscious but

lethargic” and was taken to Lawrence + Memorial Hospital in New London, then Yale New Haven Hospital.

Shelby Dodson's sister, Sylvonna White, created a GoFundMe to help with the finances of moving the baby boy, her nephew, to her home in Tennessee. She wrote on the fundraising site that the baby's name is Everett and that his “physical health is okay” following the fire.

In a social media post, she wrote a tribute to her sister and said she was working to gain custody of her nephew to bring him closer to their family down south.

“My beautiful sister was the victim of domestic violence and lost her life,” she wrote. “She is gone forever, but she left behind a precious piece of her heart. I am working tirelessly to bring my sweet nephew, Everett, home to Connecticut to Tennessee to be with family.”

George Dodson is being held in lieu of a \$3 million bond, according to court records, and is in custody at the MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution in Suffield.

Miller said he met with Dodson and a social worker at the prison recently to

discuss his client's case.

Judge Strackbein said she wanted both parties to have time to review evidence in the case before their next court appearance.

Supervisory Assistant State's Attorney Stephen M. Carney, who is prosecuting the case, gave Miller a small packet containing some of the prosecution's discovery in Dodson's case.

“I'm sure there will be a lot more,” he said.

Dodson's next court appearance is scheduled for Sept. 20 for an in-chambers discussion with his lawyer, the prosecutor and the judge.

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The requests are substantially higher than what insurers sought last year for 2022 health policies. Carriers in 2021 asked for an average increase of 8.6% on individual plans and 12.9% on small group plans.

“I’ve been taking care of emergency patients in the tens of thousands ... which means I’ve hopefully improved the health of tens of thousands of people. I know I’ve saved the lives of probably hundreds of people. And unfortunately, in doing that, I have also ruined the financial health of hundreds or thousands of people,” Phil Brewer, an emergency physician who has practiced for 40 years, testified Monday. “I’ve said many times that I love what I do. But unfortunately, as a result of what I do, many of my patients end up going into bankruptcy. I have a strong opposition to these rate hikes.”

Three insurers are selling policies on Connecticut’s Affordable Care Act exchange: Anthem Health Plans, CTCare Benefits Inc. and ConnectiCare Insurance Company Inc.

Anthem requested an average increase of 8.6% for individual policies that cover 27,698 people. The proposed changes range from a decrease of 1.8% to an increase of 16.1%, depending on the plan.

The company also sought an average hike of 3.6% on small group policies that cover 19,271 residents. The suggested changes range from a decrease of 1.2% to an increase of 26.3%.

CTCare Benefits asked for an average hike of 24.1% on individual plans that cover 75,003 people. Proposed changes range from an increase of 18.7% to 33.2%, depending on the policy.

It also sought an average hike of 22.9% on small group plans that cover 3,476 residents (increases range from 20% to 28.9%).

ConnectiCare Insurance, which only sells individual policies on the exchange, requested an average increase of 25.2% for plans that cover 8,782 people. Suggested hikes range from



Karen Moran, president of ConnectiCare Insurance Company, from left, Neil Kelsey, vice president and chief actuary at ConnectiCare, Sarah Souza, small group actuarial director at Cigna and Oscar and Wendy Sherry, vice president US commercial markets speak at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford. Insurers identified the expiration of those expanded credits as one justification for the double-digit rate increases. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

17.1% to 32.2%.

Several other companies, including Cigna and Aetna, are selling plans off the exchange.

Representatives from only two insurers — ConnectiCare and Cigna — attended and spoke at the public hearing Monday at the Legislative Office Building. A spokesman for the insurance department said only those two companies were invited because they had the highest rate requests of all the carriers. Cigna is seeking an average increase of 19.6% for its off-exchange small group plans. ConnectiCare Insurance asked for an average hike of 29.3% on its off-exchange small group policies.

Sarah Souza, small group actuarial director for Cigna, said even with the proposed increases for 2023 plans, the company’s premiums would be lower than the market average.

“For silver plans, which are the most popular amongst small employers, we have the lowest plan in six out of the eight rating areas representing the vast majority of where small employers are located,” she said.

“Percentage increases are all relative to the base figure. As such, while we may have among the higher proposed increases, we

continue to have among the lowest actual out-of-pocket premium cost when all is said and done,” added Wendy Sherry, vice president of Cigna’s U.S. commercial markets.

ConnectiCare has attributed its proposed increases to rising medical and pharmaceutical costs, as well as delayed care due to the pandemic.

Karen Moran, ConnectiCare’s president, said Monday that the company sustained over \$65 million in losses in the individual market over the last year because rate increases have not kept up with higher utilization of medical services and the cost of prescription drugs, among other expenses.

“For an insurance program to be sustainable, rates must be adequate to provide for payment of claims and the administrative costs of running the program. For the past year, the total insurance premiums we have received are far less than the cost of care we’ve actually funded,” she said. “The premiums previously approved by the insurance department were significantly below what was necessary for us to meet the needs of the members. ... The single most important driver in our proposed rate

increase is to restore rates to an adequate level.”

“[Another] significant driver of the required premium is medical trend, which is the increased cost of reimbursing health care providers,” Moran said. “Utilization of medical and pharmacy services is exceeding pre-pandemic levels in 2022 and is expected to continue due in large measure to the needs of the people we serve.”

“In short, we have not requested any more than we absolutely need in order to remain part of the exchange.”

But residents and elected officials said many won’t be able to afford coverage if the proposed rate increases go into effect.

“I recently heard from a senior who explained that she was making a choice on whether she was going to go without food or health care or prescriptions,” said Rep. Robin Comey, D-Branford. “I know these hikes will push insurance even farther out of reach for so many people — young adults, seniors and young families.”

“Many people I’ve spoken with are planning on putting off their care at the expense of their long-term health and well being. ... Our goal as a state should be to insure as many people as possible

no matter their age, their ZIP code or their racial and ethnic disparities.”

Rep. Holly Cheeseman, R-East Lyme, recounted her own ordeal purchasing insurance.

“If this were six years ago, I would be sitting here as a member of the public, when my husband died and my son and I had to take out individual policies. ... I remember having a dog bite and deciding I was better off putting butterfly strips on it than going to the emergency room, because I would have that full out-of-pocket cost,” she said. “So I think we have to remember the price our residents are paying, that their families are paying and indeed that the small businesses are paying.”

Attorney General William Tong asked representatives from the insurance companies if they perform an analysis of whether customers can afford their premiums before requesting an increase.

“From an actuarial standpoint, that is not a consideration when we set rates,” Neil Kelsey, vice president and chief actuary for ConnectiCare, replied. “Our rates cannot be excessive, [they must be] non-discriminatory, and they must be adequate. Those are the three stipulations or thresholds that the actuarial analy-

sis has to comply with.”

Moran added that “it’s the competitive market that really helps to determine whether our rates are affordable.”

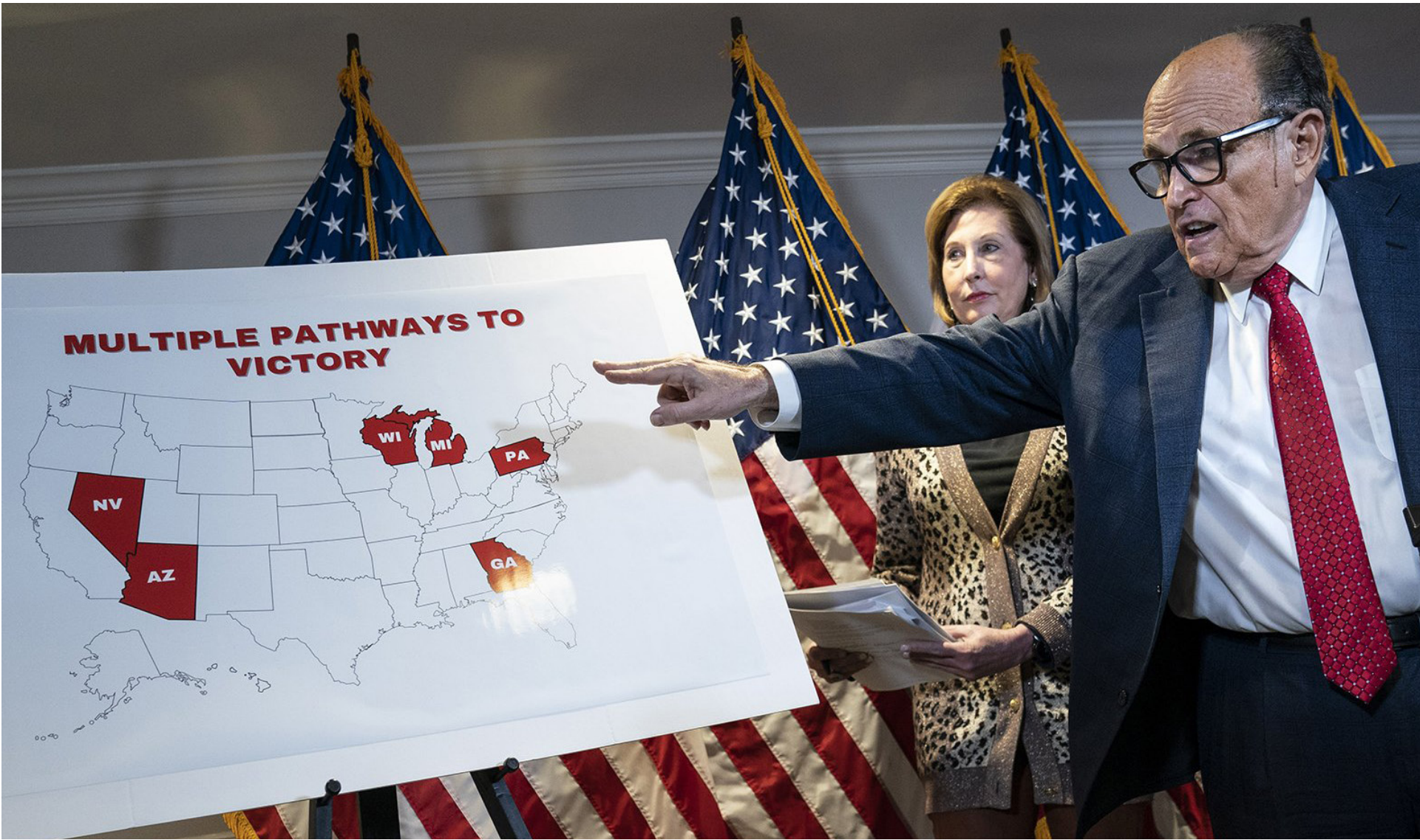
Tong said Connecticut families are “suffering.”

“They’re getting squeezed every which way,” he said. “The price of gasoline, home heating oil, natural gas and electricity are still up. We paid 13% more for groceries last month than we did a year ago. ... Rent, housing, all up. And so it is clear that Connecticut residents — individuals in the individual market, small groups, small businesses — cannot afford increases as high as 20.4% on average.”

Actuaries with the insurance department are now reviewing the requested increases. They will examine trends in unit cost (total expenditure incurred by the company), utilization of services, and expected severity of claims as part of the process.

After the review, the department can approve the full requested increase, reject it or amend it to a different number. The final changes are expected to be published in late August or early September.

Open enrollment for 2023 health policies begins on Nov. 1.



Rudy Giuliani talks to the media in Washington about lawsuits related to the 2020 presidential election. Also seen is Sidney Powell. **DREW ANGERER/GETTY 2020**

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grand jury. Prosecutors have said they want to ask Graham about phone calls they say he made to Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger and his staff in the weeks after the election.

Willis’ investigation was spurred by a phone call between Trump and Raffensperger. During that January 2021 conversation, Trump suggested that Raffensperger “find” the votes needed to reverse his narrow loss in the state.

Willis last month filed

petitions seeking to compel testimony from seven Trump associates and advisers.

In seeking Giuliani’s testimony, Willis identified him as a personal attorney for Trump and a lead attorney for his campaign. She wrote that he and others appeared at a state Senate committee meeting and presented a video that Giuliani said showed election workers producing “suitcases” of unlawful ballots from unknown sources, outside the view of election poll watchers.

Within 24 hours of that Dec. 3, 2020, hearing, Raffensperger’s office had

debunked the video. But Giuliani continued to make statements to the public and in subsequent legislative hearings claiming widespread voter fraud using the debunked video, Willis wrote.

Evidence shows Giuliani’s hearing appearance and testimony were “part of a multi-state, coordinated plan by the Trump Campaign to influence the results of the November 2020 election in Georgia and elsewhere,” her petition says.

Two of the election workers seen in the video, Ruby Freeman and Wandrea “Shaye” Moss, said they faced relentless harass-

ment online and in person after it was shown at a Dec. 3 Georgia legislative hearing where Giuliani appeared. At another hearing a week later, Giuliani said the footage showed the women “surreptitiously passing around USB ports as if they are vials of heroin or cocaine.” They were passing a piece of candy.

Willis also wrote in a petition seeking the testimony of attorney Kenneth Chesebro that he worked with Giuliani to coordinate and carry out a plan to have Georgia Republicans serve as fake electors. Those 16 people signed a certificate declaring falsely that Trump had won the

2020 presidential election and declaring themselves the state’s “duly elected and qualified” electors even though Joe Biden had won the state and a slate of Democratic electors was certified.

All 16 of those fake electors have received letters saying they are targets of the investigation, Willis said in a court filing last month.

Attorneys for Graham have argued that his position as a U.S. senator provides him immunity from having to appear before the investigative panel. But U.S. District Judge Leigh Martin May wrote in an order Monday that immunities related to his role as a senator do not

protect him from having to testify. Graham’s subpoena instructs him to appear before the special grand jury on Aug. 23, but his office said Monday he plans to appeal.

Graham had argued that a provision of the Constitution provides absolute protection against a senator being questioned about legislative acts.

But the judge found there are “considerable areas of potential grand jury inquiry” that fall outside that provision’s scope. The judge also rejected Graham’s argument that the principle of “sovereign immunity” protects a senator from being summoned by a state prosecutor.



# China restarts drills near Taiwan

Island visit from US lawmakers draws ire, moves from Beijing

By Johnson Lai  
Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan — China announced more military drills around Taiwan as the self-governing island's president met with members of a U.S. congressional delegation Monday, threatening to renew tensions between Beijing and Washington after a similar recent visit by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi angered China.

Pelosi, D-Calif., was the highest-level member of the U.S. government to visit Taiwan in 25 years, and her trip prompted nearly two weeks of threatening military exercises by China, which claims the island as its own.

In those drills, Beijing fired missiles over the island and into the Taiwan Strait and sent warplanes and navy ships across the waterway's midline, which has long been a buffer between the sides that split amid civil war in 1949.

China accuses the U.S. of encouraging the island's independence through the sale of weapons and engagement between U.S. politicians and the island's government. Washington says it does not support independence, has no formal diplomatic ties with the island and maintains the two sides should settle their dispute peacefully — but it is legally bound to ensure the island can defend itself against any attack.

American and Taiwanese officials have accused China of using Pelosi's visit as a pretext for intimidating moves, and a senior U.S. official said recently that Wash-



Sen. Ed Markey, D-Mass., meets with Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen on Monday in Taipei. TAIWAN'S PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE

ington would continue to deepen its ties with Taiwan in the coming days and weeks.

The latest trip began Sunday with little notice ahead of time — and drew more ire from China.

“China will take resolute and strong measures to defend national sovereignty and territorial integrity,” Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said at a daily briefing Monday, after Beijing announced new drills in the seas and skies surrounding Taiwan. “A handful of U.S. politicians, in collusion with the separatist forces

of Taiwan independence, are trying to challenge the one-China principle, which is out of their depth and doomed to failure.”

The new exercises were intended to be “resolute response and solemn deterrent against collusion and provocation between the U.S. and Taiwan,” the Defense Ministry said earlier.

It was not clear if the new drills had already started since the ministry gave no details about where and when they would be conducted, in contrast to previous rounds.

The U.S. lawmakers, led

by Sen. Ed Markey, D-Mass., met with President Tsai Ing-wen, Foreign Minister Joseph Wu and legislators, according to the American Institute in Taiwan, Washington's de facto embassy on the island.

At their meeting, Tsai said her administration was working with allies to ensure stability in the Taiwan Strait and maintain the status quo — a reference to the island's self-governance, separate from Beijing.

“Russia's invasion of Ukraine earlier this year has shown the threat that authoritarian nations pose to the global order,” Tsai

said.

Markey responded by saying Washington and Taipei had a “moral obligation to do everything we can to prevent an unnecessary conflict and Taiwan has demonstrated incredible restraint and discretion during challenging times.”

The senator also highlighted legislation intended to boost political and economic ties with Taiwan, especially in the critical semiconductor industry.

Taiwan is a crucial provider of computer chips for the global economy, including China's high-tech sectors, and beyond the

geopolitical risks of rising tensions in the region, an extended crisis in the Taiwan Strait could have major implications for international supply chains at a time when the world is already facing disruptions and uncertainty.

The other members of the U.S. delegation are Republican Rep. Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen, a delegate from American Samoa, and Democrats John Garamendi and Alan Lowenthal, both from California, and Don Beyer from Virginia.

The delegation was due to leave late Monday.

China says it wants to use peaceful means to bring Taiwan under its control, but its recent saber rattling has emphasized its threat to take the island by military force. The earlier drills appeared to be a rehearsal of a blockade or attack on Taiwan that would force the cancellation of commercial flights and disrupt shipping to Taiwan's main ports as well as cargo passing through the Taiwan Strait, one of the world's busiest shipping lanes.

The exercises prompted Taiwan to put its military on alert.

The American “visit at this time is of great significance, because the Chinese military exercise is (intended) to deter U.S. congressmen from visiting Taiwan,” Lo Chih-cheng, chair of the Taiwan legislature's Foreign and National Defense Committee, said after meeting with the U.S. lawmakers. “Their visit this time proves that China cannot stop politicians from any country to visit Taiwan, and it also conveys an important message that the American people stand with the Taiwanese people.”

## ELECTION 2022

# Cheney, Palin might be headed in opposite ways

By Will Weissert  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Elections in Wyoming and Alaska on Tuesday could relaunch the political career of a former Republican star and effectively end the career of another — at least for now.

Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., is the vice chair of a U.S. House committee seeking to expose the truth behind former President Donald Trump's relentless efforts to stay in power after losing the 2020 election, and his role in fomenting the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

Cheney's determination to prevent Trump from ever again serving in the White House has left her fighting to hold on to the House seat she has held for three terms. Trump has made Cheney's ouster a top priority.

In Alaska, Sarah Palin jumped on a vacancy in the state's congressional delegation as a potential springboard back into elected office. A victory in Tuesday's special election to fill the remaining months of the late U.S. Rep. Don Young's term

could send her to Washington as soon as next month.

Palin, a former Alaska governor and the 2008 Republican vice presidential nominee, has been out of elected office for more than a decade but is betting her insurgent brand of conservatism can make her a hit again in the age of Trumpism.

What to watch Tuesday:

**Wyoming:** Cheney's work as vice chair of the Jan. 6 committee has won her bipartisan praise from those who see Trump as a threat to American democracy. But it has severely threatened her chances of prevailing in the Republican primary in deeply red Wyoming, where Trump captured 70% of the vote in 2020.

Set to deny Cheney a fourth term as Wyoming's lone member of the House is Harriet Hageman, a Cheyenne ranching industry attorney who was little known outside the state before winning Trump's endorsement last year.

Hageman finished in the middle of a five-way, 2018 Republican gubernatorial primary. She's campaigned

aggressively for Cheney's House seat. Making his first public political appearance in Wyoming, Trump drew a crowd of at least 10,000 to a Casper rally supporting Hageman in May.

A defeat for Cheney would cap a swift, once unthinkable political collapse in a state where her name recognition is nearly universal and her family's political roots run deep. Her father, former Vice President Dick Cheney, held the state's House seat for 10 years until 1989.

Still, the primary comes after Republicans booted Cheney as the party's No. 3 House leader and the Wyoming GOP censured her. Security threats have mostly prevented the congresswoman from attending public events and rallies as she campaigns.

Cheney's best hope is that enough Wyoming Democrats will switch parties to vote for her instead of their own party's three candidates — none of whom stands a chance in November's general election. Even Cheney's close allies say she might be putting principle above success in this race.

That has fueled specula-



Liz Cheney is fighting for a fourth term as Wyoming's lone representative in the U.S. House, but she faces an uphill battle from Trump-backed Harriet Hageman. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

tion that Cheney is hoping for something bigger, and she's refused to rule out a 2024 presidential run.

**Alaska:** Palin is on the ballot twice in Alaska: once in a special election to complete Young's term and another for a full two-year House term starting in January.

Voters approved an elections overhaul in 2020 ending party primaries and instituting ranked voting in general elections. Endorsed by Trump, Palin finished first among 48 candidates to qualify for a special elec-

tion. They were seeking to replace Young, who died in March at 88, after 49 years as Alaska's lone House member.

Palin is trying to secure the win against the No. 2 and 4 finishers, Republican Nick Begich and Democrat Mary Peltola. The third-place vote-getter exited the race after the special primary.

Tuesday's ballot also features a House primary race and one for the U.S. Senate in which Trump's influence may not prove decisive. Alaskans pick one candidate in each race, with

the top four vote-getters advancing to the general election, regardless of party affiliation.

Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski is seeking reelection to a seat she has held for nearly 20 years. She faces 18 opponents — the most prominent of which is Republican Kelly Tshibaka, who has been endorsed by Trump.

Murkowski is a Trump critic who voted to convict him at his impeachment trial following the Capitol attack. The former president has railed against her.

# Iranian official denies role by Tehran but justifies attack on Rushdie

By Jon Gambrell  
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — An Iranian official Monday denied Tehran was involved in the stabbing of author Salman Rushdie, though he sought to justify the attack in the Islamic Republic's first public comments on the bloodshed.

The remarks by Nasser Kanaani, the spokesman for Iran's Foreign Ministry, came three days after Rush-

die was wounded in New York.

The writer has been taken off a ventilator and is “on the road to recovery,” according to his agent.

Rushdie, 75, has faced death threats for more than 30 years over his novel “The Satanic Verses,” whose depiction of the Prophet Muhammad was seen by some Muslims as blasphemous.

In 1989, Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, issued a fatwa,

or Islamic edict, demanding the author's death, and while Iran has not focused on Rushdie in recent years, the decree still stands.

Also, a semiofficial Iranian foundation had posted a bounty of over \$3 million for the killing of the author. It has not commented on the attack.

“Regarding the attack against Salman Rushdie in America, we don't consider



Rushdie

anyone deserving reproach, blame or even condemnation, except for (Rushdie) himself and his supporters,” Kanaani said.

“In this regard, no one can blame the Islamic Republic of Iran,” he added.

Kanaani implied that Rushdie brought the attack on himself.

“Salman Rushdie exposed himself to popular anger and fury through insulting

the sacredness of Islam and crossing the red lines of over 1.5 billion Muslims and also red lines of followers of all divine religions,” Kanaani said.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken, while not directly blaming Tehran for the attack on Rushdie, denounced Iran in a statement Monday praising the writer's support for freedom of expression and religion.

“Iranian state institutions have incited violence against Rushdie for generations,

and state-affiliated media recently gloated about the attempt on his life,” Blinken said. “This is despicable.”

Rushdie was attacked Friday as he was about to give a lecture in western New York. He suffered a damaged liver and severed nerves in an arm and an eye, according to his agent, Andrew Wylie.

His alleged assailant, Hadi Matar, 24, pleaded not guilty to attempted murder and assault. Police have offered no motive for the attack.



WORLD & NATION

WAR IN UKRAINE

Young boy’s next move is a new life

Ukrainian refugee with a passion for chess adjusts to UK

By Megan Specia  
The New York Times

YORK, England — Pints in hand, a group of men sat hunched over chessboards at the Eagle & Child pub in York, in northern England. Among them sat Maksym Kryshafor, an 8-year-old Ukrainian boy, who navigated his pieces with intense focus. The group had moved up its weekly meeting to accommodate its young guest’s bedtime, and he was soon impressing these chess aficionados with decades more experience. “He’s really good for his age,” said Paul Townsend, 62, an avid chess player and member of England’s chess federation. “And he clearly has a talent.”

Townsend and his family are hosting Maksym and his mother after the federation essentially played match-maker and asked if they would be willing to sponsor the pair.

Over 6 million refugees have left Ukraine for Europe, according to the United Nations, each facing the challenges of a life ripped apart by war. Finding a pursuit that provides focus and stability can help exiles navigate the upheaval of restarting life far from home. For Maksym, it was chess. Days after arriving in Britain, Maksym drew the attention of the local news media when he won a tournament in County Durham, about 45 minutes north of York by train. He quickly became known on the local chess circuit.

“Chess is all his life, and now it’s all my life,” said Maksym’s mother, Iryna. Chess has helped Maksym deal with adjusting to life in Britain, which has not always been easy.



Maksym Kryshafor, right, plays chess May 26 at the Eagle & Child pub in York, England. The 8-year-old boy and his mother fled to Romania following Russia’s invasion of Ukraine before ending up in Britain. **MARY TURNER/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Without a good grasp of English, he was placed with younger students for some of his lessons in school, and it has been hard to connect with other children, his mother said. He misses his grandparents, who lived with them in the Ukrainian city of Odesa and stayed behind. Maksym’s mother is estranged from his father. When the war broke out in February, Iryna Kryshafor, 45, had scrambled to throw her and Maksym’s most essential belongings into a rucksack as they fled for the border. Countless mothers across Ukraine were focused on how to save their children while maintaining a sense of stability, and Kryshafor was no different. While she forgot to bring a winter coat for herself, she packed the things she knew were most important to Maksym: a chess book, a

laptop for him to practice his games on and the white polo shirt and red fleece he wears for every competition. They went first to Romania, where they stayed for weeks. Then Kryshafor reached out to the English Chess Federation to see if someone would host her and Maksym so he could continue playing and return to school. She was eventually connected with Townsend and his wife, Helen, who offered them an annex in their house near York, under a program that allowed British families to host Ukrainians fleeing the war for six months. So far, over 65,000 people have headed to Britain from Ukraine under the program. Under British policy, families agree to host Ukrainians for six months, and their visas last for up to three years. The Kryshafors will

need to find a place of their own unless the sponsors allow them to stay beyond the initial agreement. To ease the anxiety, mother and son have thrown themselves into chess, a focus of much of Maksym’s young life — he began playing at 4. Both have expressed hope that he can become a grandmaster before turning 12, eager to unseat the world’s youngest person to reach the prestigious ranking. But Townsend and other chess aficionados say that goal is a long shot. “Does that mean he’s going to become a grandmaster ever, let alone at the age of 12? Not necessarily,” he said. Maksym wakes at 5 a.m. each day to practice online before school and until recently had regular online training sessions with a Ukrainian chess grandmas-

ter through the Ukrainian Chess Federation. So far, his lucky outfit and his hours of training have served him well as he continues to win in England. In late July, he and his mother traveled to Greece for the European Youth Chess Championship, where he won in two categories in his age group. Like many former Soviet nations, Ukraine has a long tradition of strong chess grandmasters, Townsend said, but often the expectation is of total dedication to the game from a young age. “You would see it as a place where chess is taken a lot more seriously than it is here,” Townsend said. Parents put young children into rigorous training programs, and school is often second to chess. “It’s such a massive, culturally different approach to chess playing,” Helen

Townsend said. As a diversion from chess, she has enjoyed showing Maksym how to cook, taking him on nature walks and building with Lego pieces. But much of Maksym’s time is still dedicated to chess. On a recent Saturday morning, Paul Townsend took Maksym and Kryshafor to a Quaker school in York for a competition involving 120 youths ages 7-18. Boards were lined up on tables in a gym, filled with row after row of children tapping clocks and moving pieces. Some of the children were so small that when seated, their feet swung above the floor. Maksym’s sneakers barely touched it. He sat, fidgeting slightly, while the organizers rattled off the rules in English. He did not understand much of what was being said. Yet his first match was over in less than a minute. He ran into the hall where Kryshafor was waiting and embraced her. After the next match, Maksym again went running out to his mother. “Too easy,” he said with a smile. “I made a checkmate.” Before the fifth match, Maksym pressed his forehead against his mother’s and she whispered words of encouragement. His opponent, an older boy, arrived just before play began. Maksym rested his chin on his hand and smiled until, suddenly, he realized he had made a mistake. He pulled at tufts of his hair, twisting them around his fingers. He eventually lost to the boy, and after they shook hands, he wiped tears from his eyes. Maksym eventually placed second in the competition. By the end, he seemed more interested in chatting with children who had organized a game of tag. “He works so hard with chess that sometimes you forget he’s just a child,” his mother said.



A rescuer peers into a crater left by a shell Monday in Kharkiv, Ukraine. Seven civilians in the country’s second-largest city were injured by Russian shelling. **UKRAINE EMERGENCY SERVICE**

WAR IN UKRAINE

Russian shells kill 3 civilians, hurt 20, Ukraine officials say

By Paul Byrne  
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — At least three Ukrainian civilians have been killed and 20 others wounded in the latest artillery barrages from the Russian military, Ukrainian officials said Monday. The eastern region of Donetsk, one of the two provinces making up the country’s heartland of Donbas that has been the focus of a Russian offensive, has faced the most intense shelling. Regional officials said at least three people died and another 13 were wounded by Russian shelling that hit numerous towns and villages in the Donetsk region during the last 24 hours. The barrage has damaged dozens of residential buildings and civilian infrastructure. In the country’s second-largest city of Kharkiv, seven civilians were wounded in the latest Russian shelling that hit buildings and an area near a bus stop early Monday.

The Russian forces also struck several other regions of Ukraine with rockets and artillery. Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Lt. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said Monday that Russian warplanes have struck Ukrainian army positions in the southern Kherson and Donetsk regions. He added that the Russian air force also hit a facility in the Kharkiv region, killing at least 100 and wounding 50 “mercenaries” from Poland and Germany. His claims couldn’t be independently verified. In other developments Monday: ■ Russian President Vladimir Putin vowed to expand military cooperation with the country’s allies, noting that Moscow is ready to offer them its most advanced weapons. Speaking at an annual arms show outside Moscow that caters to foreign customers, Putin said that Russia’s arms exports play an important role in the development of a “multipolar world,” the term used

by the Kremlin to describe its efforts to offset what it perceives as U.S. global domination. Putin hailed the Russian military’s action in Ukraine, which has triggered massive Western sanctions, and thanked Moscow’s allies for their support. ■ Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy dismissed the heads of three regional branches of Ukraine’s top security agency, SBU, in the Kyiv, Lviv and Tarnopol regions. Zelenskyy’s office didn’t elaborate on the reasons behind the move. Last month, he dismissed SBU chief Ivan Bakanov and a chief prosecutor, saying their departments had too many people who faced accusations of collaborating with the Russians. ■ Ukrainian first lady Olena Zelenska, speaking in an interview with Singapore’s CNA television, said that “no one in the world can take a neutral stand in that war,” adding that “you can either be on the aggressor’s side or the one who has come under attack, there is no other choice.”

Afghans mark 1 year since Taliban seizure as woes grow

By Rahim Faiez and Ebrahim Noroozi  
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban on Monday marked a year since they seized the Afghan capital of Kabul, a rapid takeover that triggered a hasty escape of the nation’s Western-backed leaders, sent the economy into a tailspin and fundamentally transformed the country. Bearded Taliban fighters, some hoisting rifles or the white banners of their movement, staged small victory parades on foot, bicycles and motorcycles in the streets of the capital. One small group marched past the former U.S. Embassy, chanting “Long live Islam” and “Death to America.” A year after the dramatic day, much has changed in Afghanistan. The former insurgents struggle to govern and remain internationally isolated. The economic downturn has driven millions more Afghans into poverty and even hunger, as the flow of foreign aid slowed to a trickle. The U.N. humanitarian chief for Afghanistan warned that unless donors provide \$2.6 billion very soon the country faces “pure catastrophe” over the coming winter with millions of lives at stake. Ramiz Alakbarov told a virtual news conference from Kabul that the U.N.’s \$4.4 billion humanitarian appeal for Afghanistan this year has received only about \$1.8 billion, leaving a \$2.6 billion gap in funding for desperately needed food and other aid. He said over 90 million people in Afghanistan are “food insecure,” around 35 million are living in poverty, and 6.6 million are classified in the emergency level just one step from famine. Alakbarov said he just visited several hospitals and



Men wave the flag of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan at a celebration of the first anniversary of the Taliban’s return to power Monday in Kabul, Afghanistan. **NAVA JAMSHIDI/GETTY**

saw “heartbreaking scenes” of malnourished children who will not survive the winter without additional support. While the Afghan people are known for their resilience and ability to survive, he said, unfortunately “negative coping strategies” including the selling of organs and the selling of children will be seen again “if support is not provided.” Meanwhile, hard-liners appear to hold sway in the Taliban-led government, which imposed severe restrictions on access to education and jobs for girls and women, despite initial promises to the contrary. A year on, teenage girls are still barred from school, and women are required to cover themselves head-to-toe in public, with only the eyes showing. Some are trying to find ways to keep education from stalling for a generation of young women, and underground schools in homes have sprung up. Natalia Kanem, executive director of the U.N.’s sexual and reproductive health agency, said in a statement that Afghan females must not be forgotten. “As the world faces multiple, overlapping crises, we must not forget the women

and girls of Afghanistan. When women’s and girls’ basic rights are denied, we are all diminished,” she said. A year ago, thousands of Afghans had rushed to Kabul International Airport to flee the Taliban amid the U.S. military’s chaotic withdrawal from Kabul after 20 years of war — America’s longest conflict. Some flights resumed relatively quickly after those chaotic days. On Monday, a handful of commercial flights were scheduled to land and take off from a runway that last summer saw Afghan men clinging to the wheels of planes taking off, some falling to their death. Schoolyards stood empty Monday as the Taliban announced a public holiday to mark the day, which they refer to as “The Proud Day of Aug. 15” and the “First Anniversary of the Return to Power.” “Reliance on God and the support of the people brought this great victory and freedom to this country,” wrote Abdul Wahid Rayan, the head of the Taliban-run Bakhtar News Agency. “Today, Aug. 15, marks the victory of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan against America and its allies occupation of Afghanistan.”



WORLD & NATION

DOJ balks at making public Trump affidavit

By Michael Balsamo  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department on Monday rebuffed efforts to make public the affidavit supporting the search warrant for former President Donald Trump’s estate in Florida, saying the investigation “implicates highly classified material” and the document contains sensitive information about witnesses.

The government’s opposition came in response to court filings by several news organizations, including The Associated Press, seeking to unseal the underlying affidavit the Justice Department submitted when it asked for the warrant to search Trump’s Mar-a-Lago estate earlier this month.

The court filing — from Juan Antonio Gonzalez, the U.S. attorney in Miami, and Jay Bratt, a top Justice Department national security official — argues that making the affidavit public would “cause significant and irreparable damage to this ongoing criminal investigation.”

The document, the prosecutors say, details “highly sensitive information about witnesses,” including people who have been interviewed by the government, and contains confidential grand jury information.

The government told a federal judge that prosecutors believe some additional records, including the cover sheet for the warrant and the request to seal the documents, should be public.



Former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Fla., is seen on Aug. 9. SAUL MARTINEZ/THE NEW YORK TIMES

A property receipt unsealed Friday showed the FBI seized 11 sets of classified documents, with some not only marked top secret but also “sensitive compartmented information,” a special category meant to protect the nation’s most important secrets. The Justice Department acknowledged Monday that its ongoing criminal probe “implicates highly classified material.”

What justifies a national emergency?

Activists want to see the designation used for climate change

By Will Weissert  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In November 1979, a little over a week after student militants seized control of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and took 52 American citizens hostage, President Jimmy Carter issued Executive Order 12170 declaring a national emergency against Iran.

That order remains in effect today, renewed most recently in the weeks before last Thanksgiving by President Joe Biden, who noted then that “our relations with Iran have not yet normalized.”

The Biden administration’s declaration Aug. 4 of a public health emergency on monkeypox frees up federal money and resources to fight a virus that has already infected more than 10,000 people in the United States. But public health emergencies expire every 90 days, unless extended by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Those are different from national emergency declarations, which give presidents broad leeway to make policy and tap federal funds without congressional approval. That’s what activists have clamored for to better fight climate change, but Biden has held off despite energy shortages in much of the world and high gasoline prices at home.



Climate activists have been clamoring, so far without success, for President Joe Biden to declare a national emergency over climate change. SUSAN WALSH/AP

mostly from the National Emergencies Act of 1976, which came after President Richard Nixon issued a series of them, including on currency restrictions and a national postal strike.

The law requires that those declarations automatically end after a year, unless the president orders a renewal. Congress can also end emergencies, but doing so effectively requires a veto-proof two-thirds vote, which has never happened.

“The origin of the law was clearly an attempt to set limits on presidential power,” said Chris Edelson, author of “Emergency Presidential Power: From the Drafting of the Constitution to the War on Terror.” “Before the actions passed,

presidents could declare emergencies and no one really knew what it meant. And they stood for decades.”

An emergency declared in 1950 by President Harry S. Truman to combat communism globally in the context of the Korean War was still in effect in the 1970s, before the law.

Emergencies set since it took effect have similar extended shelf lives, though. President George W. Bush’s emergency three days after the Sept. 11 attacks still stands. President Donald Trump declared COVID-19 a national emergency in 2020 and Biden has extended it through at least February 2023.

Only once has Congress even discussed thwarting

emergency declarations, Edelson said. That was in 2019, when 12 Senate Republicans joined Democrats to block Trump’s efforts to declare one on the U.S.-Mexico border and put \$6 billion-plus from the military and other federal funds toward building a wall. Trump used a veto to preserve his border emergency declaration until Biden nixed it upon taking office.

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., warned during the wall funding fight that allowing Trump to what he wanted might let future Democratic presidents to do similar on the climate.

“It sets long-term precedents,” Rubio told CNBC in 2019. “Tomorrow, the national security emergency

might be climate change, so let’s seize fossil fuel plants or something.”

That prediction hasn’t yet proved prescient. Biden said last month that climate change “is an emergency” but didn’t issue a declaration, which would have let him take major actions meant to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including limiting offshore drilling and U.S. oil exports.

With Congress approving nearly \$375 billion over a decade in climate change-fighting strategies as part of a larger budget package, political pressure on him to do so may dissipate.

The White House hasn’t said whether declaring a national climate emergency is now off the table. But it’s

hard to imagine the administration imposing limits on oil and production after prices at the pump hit record highs. They have since fallen steadily throughout the summer — a fact the White House has trumpeted.

Delaying a national climate emergency declaration even this long, however, may undermine the core argument that a crisis is at hand.

“The real indicator that this doesn’t really meet the definition of an emergency as intended by the act — even though it’s not clearly defined — is that he waited,” said Edelson, who is also a professor of government at American University in Washington, about climate concerns. “If it’s a real emergency, you act right away.”



WORLD & NATION

ANNE HECHÉ 1969-2022

TV, film actor who rose to fame in '90s led troubled life

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Anne Heche, the Emmy-winning film and television actor whose dramatic Hollywood rise in the 1990s and accomplished career contrasted with personal chapters of turmoil, died of injuries from a fiery car crash. She was 53.

Heche was “peacefully taken off life support,” spokeswoman Holly Baird said Sunday night.

Heche had been on life support at a Los Angeles burn center after suffering a “severe anoxic brain injury,” caused by a lack of oxygen, when her car crashed into a home Aug. 5, according to a statement released last Thursday by a representative on behalf of her family and friends.

She was declared brain-dead Friday, but was kept on life support in case her organs could be donated, an assessment that took nine days. In the U.S., most organ transplants are done after such a determination.

A native of Ohio whose family moved around the country, Heche endured an abusive and tragic childhood, one that helped push her into acting as a way of escaping her own life. She showed enough early promise to be offered professional work in high school and first came to prominence on the NBC soap opera “Another World” from 1987 to 1991, winning a Daytime Emmy Award for the role of twins Marley and Vicky Hudson, who on the show sustained injuries that anticipated Heche’s: Vicky falls into a coma for months after a car crash.

By the late 1990s Heche was one of the hottest actors in Hollywood, a constant on magazine covers and in big-budget films.

In 1997, she played opposite Johnny Depp as his wife in “Donnie Brasco”



Anne Heche had been on life support after being declared brain-dead. JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION 2012

and Tommy Lee Jones in “Volcano” and was part of the ensemble cast in the original “I Know What You Did Last Summer.”

The following year, she starred with Harrison Ford in “Six Days, Seven Nights” and appeared with Vince Vaughn and Joaquin Phoenix in “Return to Paradise.” She also played one of cinema’s most famous murder victims, Marion Crane of “Psycho,” in Gus Van Sant’s remake of the Alfred Hitchcock classic, and co-starred in the indie favorite “Walking and Talking.”

Around the same time, her personal life led to even greater fame, and both personal and professional upheaval. She met Ellen DeGeneres at the 1997 Vanity Fair Oscar party, fell in love and began a 3-year relationship that made one of Hollywood’s first openly gay couples. But Heche later said her career was damaged by an industry wary of casting her in leading roles. She would remember advisers opposing her decision to have DeGeneres accompany her to the premiere of “Volcano.”

“We were tapped on the shoulder, put into her limo in the third act and told that

we couldn’t have pictures of us taken at the press junket,” Heche said in 2018 on the podcast Irish Goodbye.

After she and DeGeneres parted, Heche had a public breakdown and would speak candidly of her mental health struggles.

In the fall of 2000, soon after her break-up with DeGeneres, Heche was hospitalized after knocking on the door of a stranger in a rural area near Fresno, California. Authorities said she had appeared shaken and disoriented and spoke incoherently to the residents.

In a memoir released the following year, “Call Me Crazy,” Heche talked about her lifelong battles. During a 2001 interview with TV journalist Barbara Walters, Heche recounted in painful detail alleged sexual abuse by her father, Donald Heche, who professed to be devoutly religious and died in 1983 from complications of AIDS. Heche described her suffering as so extreme she developed a separate personality and imagined herself descended from another planet.

In the final days of his life, Heche said, she learned he was secretly gay and that she believed his inability to live honestly fueled his anger and hurtful behavior. Not long after her father died, her brother Nathan — one of her four siblings — was killed in a car crash.

“I’m not crazy. But it’s a crazy life. I was raised in a crazy family and it took 31 years to get the crazy out of me,” Heche told Walters. In an effort to escape the past, “I drank. I smoked. I did drugs. I had sex with people. I did anything I could to get the shame out of my life.”

Heche had a son with camera operator Coleman Laffoon, to whom she was married from 2001 to 2009. She had another son with actor James Tupper.

Conspiracists join La. voting machine debate

Their influence has local election clerks expressing concern

By Sara Cline and Christina A. Cassidy  
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — The need for Louisiana to replace its voting machines is not in dispute.

They are badly outdated — deployed in 2006, the year after Hurricane Katrina struck — and do not produce paper ballots that are critical to ensuring election results are accurate.

What to do about them is another story.

The long-running drama includes previous allegations of bid-rigging, voting machine companies claiming favoritism and a secretary of state who is noncommittal about having a new system in place for the 2024 presidential election.

Local election clerks also worry about the influence of conspiracy theorists who have peddled unfounded claims about voting equipment and have been welcomed into the debate over new machines.

“It would be a travesty to let a minority of people who have little to no experience in election administration tear down an exceptional process that was painstakingly built over many, many years,” Calcasieu Parish Clerk of Court Lynn Jones told state officials in a meeting this summer. “And for us to throw it out of the window because of unfounded theories is mind-boggling.”

The uncertainty is playing out against a backdrop of attacks on the integrity of elections, fueled by former President Donald Trump’s lies that the 2020 presidential election was stolen from him and promoted by a web of his allies and supporters.

Some of those same supporters have been trying

to convince election officials across the country that they should ditch machines in favor of paper ballots and hand-counts.

Whatever success they have had so far has been limited primarily to GOP-dominated rural counties. But in Louisiana, a heavily Republican state that Trump won by nearly 20 percentage points, they have managed to insert themselves into an already long-delayed process of choosing a new statewide voting system.

Louisiana officials have been trying for at least four years to replace their outdated touchscreen voting machines.

The machines’ main problem, aside from their age and the challenge of finding replacement parts, is that votes are recorded electronically without a paper record of each voter’s selections. That means if a result is in dispute, there are no individual paper ballots to review to ensure the outcome was accurate. Under a new state law, Louisiana’s next voting system must have a paper trail of ballots cast so election results can be properly audited.

In 2018, the nation’s top homeland security and cybersecurity officials urged states to replace any remaining voting systems without a paper trail to improve security and increase public confidence. Congress allocated \$805 million before the 2020 election to help states pay for security upgrades, including new equipment.

Louisiana officials, in a 2018 report to the federal agency disbursing the money, said they planned to use the state’s share to cover the costs of “a new electronic voting system” and noted the state had already begun the procurement process.

But that same year, the contract was voided amid

allegations of bid-rigging. In 2021, Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin shelved another replacement attempt after the process was challenged by voting machine companies that claimed favoritism for the state’s current vendor, Dominion Voting Systems.

Following the 2020 presidential election, Dominion was ensnared in a web of conspiracy theories pushed by Trump and his allies, claiming their voting machines were rigged to steal the election.

The company has pushed back, filing defamation lawsuits against conservative media outlets and Trump allies, including MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell.

The false claims have taken root in conservative communities, where local officials have been pressured to stop using computer equipment for casting and counting ballots. Nearly two years after the last presidential election, no evidence of any widespread fraud or manipulation of voting machines has surfaced, and courts have rejected dozens of court cases filed by Trump and his allies.

Last December, Phil Waldron — a retired Army colonel who circulated a PowerPoint presentation offering suggestions for how to overturn the 2020 election — was invited to speak to the commission tasked with recommending the new voting system for Louisiana.

More recently, Lindell, one of the most prominent supporters of ditching election machines and counting every ballot by hand, traveled to Baton Rouge to testify before the same commission.

During his 17-minute address, Lindell detailed his national quest against “corrupted” voting systems and “stolen” elections.

NEWS BRIEFING

British regulator 1st to approve Moderna’s updated virus booster

From news services

LONDON — British drug regulators have become the first in the world to authorize an updated version of Moderna’s coronavirus vaccine that includes protection against the omicron variant, which the government said would be offered to people aged 50 and over starting in the fall.

In a statement Monday, the Medicines and Healthcare Regulatory Agency said it had given the green light to Moderna’s combination “bivalent” vaccine, which will be used as an adult booster shot.

Each dose of the booster shot will target both the original COVID-19 virus first detected in 2020 and the omicron BA.1 variant that was first picked up in November.

British regulators said the side effects were similar to those seen for Moderna’s original booster shot and were typically “mild and self-resolving.”

“What this (combination) vaccine gives us is a sharpened tool in our armory to help protect us against this disease as the virus continues to evolve,” said Dr. June Raine, the head of Britain’s health care and medicines regulator.

British health secretary Steve Barclay said the new shot will be part of the country’s booster program roll-out from September, based on advice from the government’s vaccine experts.

“This safe and effective vaccine will broaden immunity and potentially improve protections against some variants as we learn to live with this virus,” Barclay said.

Such an approach, combining protection against several strains of the same disease is used with flu shots that are adjusted each year depending on the variants that are circulating.

**Pfizer CEO has virus:** The top executive at Pfizer, a leading producer of COVID-19 vaccines, has tested positive for the virus and says he is experiencing mild symptoms.

Chairman and CEO Albert Bourla said Monday that he started taking Pfizer’s Paxlovid pill treatment and is isolating while he recovers.

Bourla has received four shots of Comirnaty, the COVID-19 vaccine developed by the New York drug-maker along with BioNTech. He said in a brief statement issued by the company that he is confident of a quick recovery.

More than 128 million in the United States have become fully vaccinated with Pfizer’s two-shot vaccine since it entered the market more than a year ago, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**George Floyd officers:** Two former Minneapolis police officers charged in George Floyd’s killing told a judge Monday that they have rejected plea deals that would have resulted in three-year sentences, setting the stage for trial in October.

Tou Thao and J. Alexander Kueng are charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter in Floyd’s death. They and Thomas Lane were working with Derek Chauvin when he pinned Floyd’s neck with his knee for more than nine minutes as the 46-year-old Black man said he couldn’t breathe and eventually grew still.

The killing, captured on bystander video, sparked protests worldwide and a reckoning on racial injustice. Chauvin, who is white, was convicted of second-degree murder last year and sentenced to 22 ½ years on



Visitors in old Japanese Imperial army uniforms enter Yasukuni Shrine, which honors Japan’s war dead, on Monday in Tokyo. As Japan marked the 77th anniversary of its World War II defeat, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida renewed the country’s no-war pledge at a somber ceremony. Japan will “stick to our resolve to never repeat the tragedy of the war,” he said. EUGENE HOSHIKO/AP

the state charge.

Hennepin County Judge Peter Cahill had set a limited window for accepting a plea deal ahead of trial, and Monday’s brief hearing served to formalize the two ex-officers’ rejections of the state’s offers.

**Griner appeal:** Lawyers for American basketball star Brittney Griner have filed an appeal of her nine-year Russian prison sentence for drug possession, Russian news agencies reported Monday, amid talks between the U.S. and Russia that could lead to a high-profile prisoner swap.

Griner, an eight-time All-Star with the WNBA’s Phoenix Mercury and two-time Olympic gold medalist, was convicted Aug. 4 after police said they found vape canisters containing cannabis oil in her luggage at Moscow’s Sheremetyevo Airport.

Griner admitted that she had the canisters in her luggage, but said she had inadvertently packed them

in haste and that she had no criminal intent. Her defense team presented written statements that she had been prescribed cannabis to treat pain.

**Racketeering arrests:** Federal authorities on Monday arrested seven people including a union leader and various dock workers accused in a \$1.2 million extortion scheme that targeted shipping companies.

U.S. Attorney Stephen Muldrow said the scheme began in 2005 and affected local and foreign commerce, including shipping between Puerto Rico and the U.S. and British Virgin Islands.

He said suspects at three docks in San Juan, Puerto Rico, are accused of illegally extorting small shipping companies and threatened to stop loading and unloading goods if a monthly fee wasn’t paid. The fee demanded varied by weight and sometimes ranged from \$10,000 to \$20,000 a month, Muldrow said.

**Kenya election:** In a chaotic announcement that could foreshadow a court challenge, Kenya’s electoral commission chairman on Monday declared Deputy President William Ruto the winner of the country’s close presidential race over five-time contender Raila Odinga.

The outcome was a triumph for a candidate who shook up the East African nation’s politics by appealing to struggling Kenyans’ economic concerns instead of their ethnic allegiances.

Ruto received about 50.5% of the vote to nearly 49% for Odinga in last Tuesday’s balloting, the chairman said.

But just before the declaration, four of the seven electoral commissioners told reporters they could not support the “opaque nature” of the final steps, without giving details.

Screams and scuffles broke out in the auditorium, the lectern was tossed from the stage, and police rushed in to restore order as a choir

continued to sing.

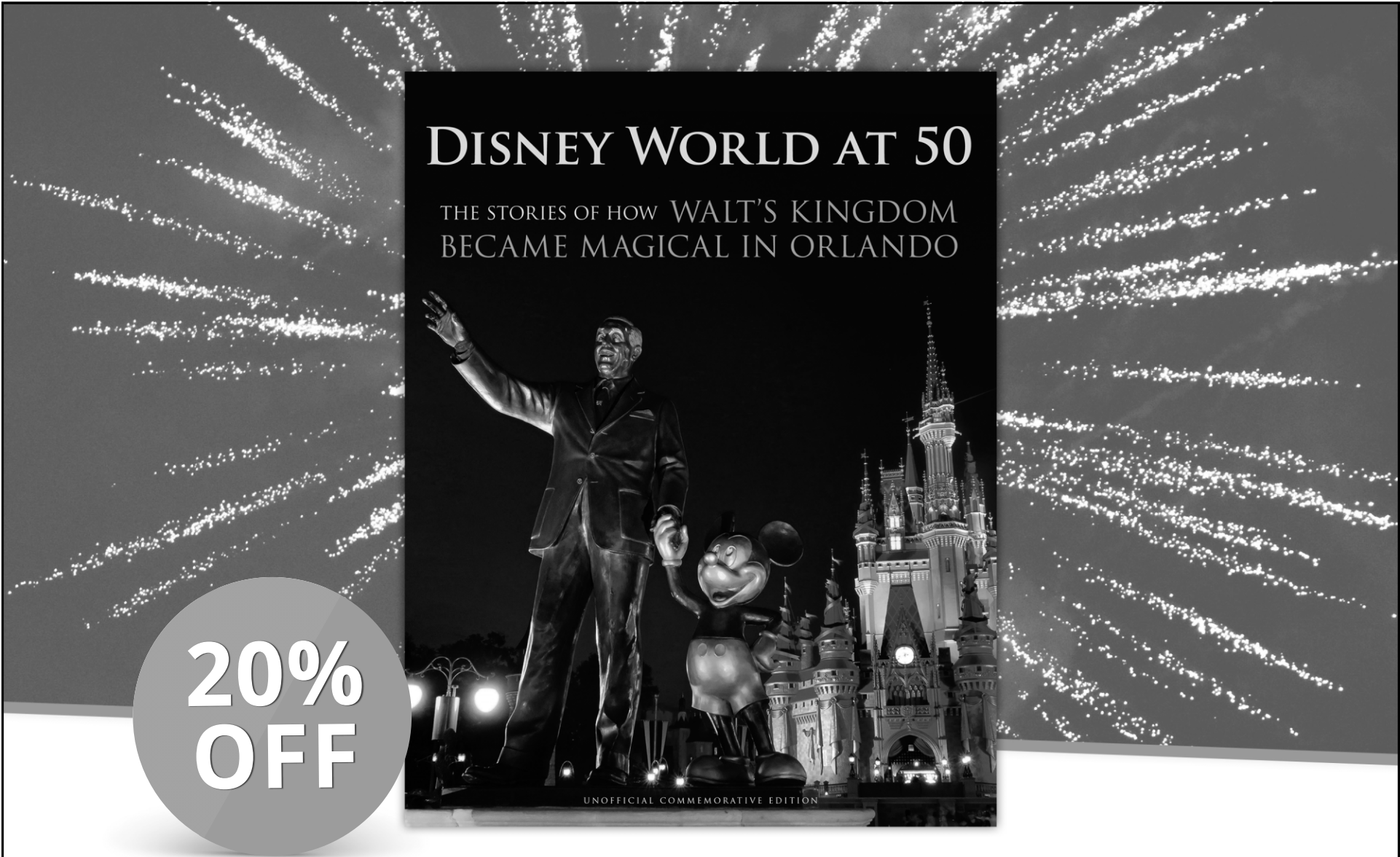
Minutes later, commission chairman Wafula Chebukati announced the official results and said the two commissioners who stayed behind with him had been injured.

Odinga’s campaign alleged that unspecified “electoral offenses” were committed and that a winner was illegally declared without a quorum of commissioners.

**Modi pledge:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi pledged to raise millions out of poverty and turn India into a developed country in the next 25 years as he marked the country’s 75 years of independence from British rule.

Wearing a flowing, cream-colored turban printed with small stripes of orange, white and green, the colors of the country’s flag, Modi addressed the country Monday from New Delhi’s 17th-century Mughal-era Red Fort, saying the world was looking toward India to help resolve global issues.





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A large advertisement for lung cancer awareness. The background is a solid dark red. In the center, a Christmas tree is constructed from numerous cigarettes, with flames rising from the top and sides, set against a dark, smoky background. The text "LUNG CANCER WON'T QUIT, EVEN IF YOU DID." is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the cigarette tree. Below the tree, the text "Thanks to a new scan, lung cancer can be detected early when it's more curable. If you smoked, get scanned." is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text "Talk to your doctor or visit [SavedByTheScan.org](https://SavedByTheScan.org)" is displayed in white. The bottom of the advertisement features two logos: the "ad COUNCIL" logo on the left and the "AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION" logo on the right, which includes a stylized cross-like symbol.



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## Pandemic bonuses could be reduced

With just \$30M allocated, about 47,000 workers have applied for aid in program's first few days

By Keith M. Phaneuf  
CT Mirror

It became increasingly likely Thursday that Connecticut officials' plan to give \$1,000 bonuses to many essential private-sector workers will be scaled back. Comptroller Natalie Braswell said that roughly 47,000 workers already have requested applications through the Premium Pay Program's first six days. It's not mathematically possi-

ble for the \$30 million program to award more than 30,000 grants of \$1,000 each. The General Assembly and Gov. Ned Lamont stipulated, in that event, that grants would be proportionally reduced to accommodate all eligible applicants. And with seven more weeks remaining before the program's Oct. 1 application filing deadline, and state promotional efforts not even underway yet, the chances of demand outstripping resources

appeared great this week. "The early enthusiasm for this program illustrates the impact that these funds can have for workers and their families," said Braswell, who was tasked by the legislature and Lamont with operating the program. "I look forward to traveling the state to make sure every eligible worker knows where to go, and how to apply, to get the relief they've earned." Braswell launched the Premium Pay Portal on her website last Friday, but the website locked up over the weekend and again earlier this week due to heavy traffic. The comptroller's office and its

IT consultant, Public Consulting Group of Boston, worked this week to expand server capacity. Braswell reported late Thursday that this effort had been completed. But fixing the dollars for the program is a task the comptroller can't solve. The General Assembly's Labor and Public Employees Committee recommended last spring spending \$750 million to provide bonuses to essential workers from both the public and private sectors who kept Connecticut functioning during the worst of the coronavirus pandemic. Committee members and other

labor advocates pointed to the \$500 million pandemic bonus program set up in neighboring Massachusetts, which already has sent payments to more than 800,000 workers. But neither the full Connecticut legislature nor the governor's office supported that \$750 million proposal, instead substituting \$30 million a few days before the budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year was adopted back in early May. That \$30 million was limited only to private-sector workers from occupations from categories

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## A day of free, outdoor music

PorchFest making encores in 4 towns across Connecticut

By Susan Dunne  
Hartford Courant

PorchFest, a day of free concerts by local musicians performed on front porches of homes and businesses, is coming back to four Connecticut towns this year. PorchFest was founded in Ithaca, New York, in 2007 and spread nationwide. Connecticut towns that have made PorchFest an annual tradition are Wethersfield and Bridgeport, which will have their events on Aug. 27; Hartford, which will have its event on Sept. 18; and Milford, which will have its event on Oct. 1.

Wethersfield jumped on the PorchFest trend in 2019, took a pandemic hiatus in 2020, then resumed in 2021. Melinda McDonald Robidoux, who owns Circa Antiques and Collectibles at 225 Main St., is running the third Wethersfield PorchFest this year. Robidoux said the pandemic — and the recent designation of Wethersfield as the state's fourth "Cultural District" — have increased foot traffic in Old Wethersfield.

"People wanted to get out and be with others, and being outside was the one way folks were able to enjoy each other's company throughout COVID," Robidoux said. "We have seen an uptick in people walking all along Main Street, taking in the historic character of Old Wethersfield, going to the Cove and parking to watch the sunset over the water."

Wethersfield's Main Street will be closed to vehicular traffic from Church Street to Center Street during PorchFest.

Sarah Moore, founder and co-chair (with Jeffrey Lanteigne) of the PorchFest in the West End of Hartford, said the event "energizes our neighborhood and brings people of all ages out to the streets and sidewalks to share a

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Hubert Powell was a beloved pastor and world-renowned gospel musician. Now there's a plan to preserve his memory in the city he called home.



Jacquelyn Powell was recently installed as pastor at Latter Rain Christian Fellowship in Hartford, where her husband preached starting in 1998 until his death in December. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

## HONORING A HARTFORD ICON

By Pam McLoughlin  
Hartford Courant

The late Pastor Hubert L. Powell was an "iconic" gospel musician and dynamic pastor who had offers to live, play and preach anywhere in the world, but he chose to stay in Hartford every time.

"He always wanted his success to be out of Hartford. He loved Hartford," said William Powell, one of Hubert's sons. "He'd say somebody's got to stay in Hartford."

Much of that success took place inside his Latter Rain Christian Fellowship Church at 3200 Main St.

In 1998, Hubert Powell chose

the new building on Main Street because it was on a bus line, had space for food pantry storage and, with one story, was easily accessed by the elderly. The previous church led by Powell — Holy Trinity Church of God In Christ — was located at 114 Wooster St.

Now, seven months after his passing, there is a resolution pending to name the corner of Main and Fishfry streets by the church, "Hubert L. Powell Way."

The resolution was introduced by Hartford City Council Majority Leader Thomas J. Clarke II and is pending in committee.

"Powell was not only a musical Hartford legend, he was highly revered across the global

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The late Pastor Hubert L. Powell was an "iconic" gospel musician and dynamic pastor. COURTESY

## Granby deaths lead to substance abuse study

Nonprofit looking for volunteers to share stories

By Steve Smith  
Courant Community

GRANBY — Citing four recent deaths as a need to better address substance abuse in the town of Granby, the Simsbury-based nonprofit organization, A Promise to Jordan, will be conducting a study, and is looking for volunteers to share their stories.

The organization was founded by Lisa Grey, whose son, Jordan Arakelian, died from a heroin and fentanyl overdose on June 30, 2018, at age 24. Since its founding shortly thereafter, A Promise to Jordan has been creating educational programs, hosting fundraisers and events, and bringing awareness to substance abuse and

addiction, and fighting to erase the stigma of the disease.

"It's a problem sweeping across America, and killing kids as young as 13 years old," Grey said. "They're buying what they think is a Xanax, Percocet, or Oxycontin prescription off the internet, and it's actually 100% fentanyl."

Grey has begun conducting research to determine the need for programs and services to support residents of Granby who may be living with a substance use disorder, either currently or in recovery.

Grey will be hosting focus groups, and inviting Granby residents to share their stories. She

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Lisa Grey created the nonprofit A Promise to Jordan shortly after her son's death in 2018 in order to help people struggling with substance abuse. COURTESY

## 'Bare bones' dog park awaits zoning approval

West Hartford project could open by end of Sept.

By Alison Cross  
Hartford Courant

WEST HARTFORD — The West Hartford Dog Park Coalition's dream of establishing a permanent pooch playground in town is inching closer to reality as a proposal for a temporary, 12-month dog park awaits a green light from the West Hartford Town Planning and Zoning Commission.

If approved by the TPZ, West Hartford dog owners could have a park for their four-legged friends to roam by the end of September.

At a public hearing on Sept. 7, the TPZ will vote on an application submitted by WHDPC Co-President David Coleman

to create a temporary, one-acre, fenced-in dog park in the grassy area behind the former St. Brigid School at 100 Mayflower St.

Coleman hopes the dog park will remain on the former St. Brigid School site past the proposed one-year period or until construction commences on the town-owned property. Afterward, Coleman said, the WHDPC wants the park to return to the location and become a permanent fixture of West Hartford.

"We have a great town. We've got all these amenities, pools, skating rink, fields, baseball, soccer, etc., but the one thing we don't have and sorely need is a

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Shelton man faces charges in fatal crash

By Mike Mavredakis  
Hartford Courant

A Shelton man was arrested Monday in connection to a fatal car vs. pedestrian crash off of Interstate 95 south in Stamford in March, according to police.

Alec Ward, 26, of Shelton turned himself into police Monday and was charged with negligent homicide with a motor vehicle, operating an unregistered motor vehicle and failure to exercise due caution to avoid a pedestrian, according to the Stamford Police Department.

Police had obtained an arrest warrant for Ward after an investigation into the crash.

The crash happened after 6 a.m. March 23. Ward was exiting I-95 south off Exit 9 when he allegedly hit a pedestrian crossing the exit ramp on East Main Street, police said.

The pedestrian, identified as 68-year-old Elena Laos, was hit and sustained life-threatening injuries in the crash. She was taken to Stamford Hospital where she later died, police said.

Laos was in the crosswalk at the time of the crash, according to police. Police said excessive speed and intoxication weren't factors in the crash.

Ward was held on a \$50,000 bond and was scheduled to be arraigned in Stamford Superior Court on Monday.

EAST WINDSOR

Fiery 2-car crash on I-91 kills one, injures another

One person was killed and a second was injured in a fiery crash on Interstate 91 south in East Windsor late Sunday night, according to the Connecticut State Police.

Two vehicles, a tractor-trailer and another unknown car, were driving south on I-91 near Exit 44 around 11:19 p.m. when they made contact in the right lane, police said. The contact caused a fire that engulfed both vehicles, police said. They each stopped in the gore area — the triangle space between highway ramps where a shoulder typically is — of the Exit 44 off-ramp, police said.

The driver of the unknown vehicle sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced dead on the scene, police said. The identity of the driver is still under investigation.

The operator of the tractor-trailer, a North Carolina man, was transported to Hartford Hospital for evaluation of minor injuries, police said.

Police are looking for witnesses to the crash. Anyone with information or footage of the crash is asked to contact Trooper Keith Dorsey from Troop H at keith.dorsey@ct.gov.

— Mike Mavredakis

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dog park,” Coleman said. “For this temporary park, we’re just looking to have a fenced-in area [with] a large area for large dogs and then a smaller area for small dogs, and that’s it. So it’ll be fairly bare bones — no pun intended.”

Coleman said previous fundraising efforts by the WHDPC would foot the nearly \$8,000 bill for the fence installation and rental. He said that if the park becomes permanent, the WHDPC would also cover the cost of benches, water stations and other amenities.

Since 2008, the West Hartford Dog Park Coalition has advocated and fundraised for a local dog park. Over the years, there have been one-day pop-up dog park events and even a 3-month temporary park during the 2019-2020 winter at Beachland Park, but roadblocks and a lack of available green space have prevented the creation of a permanent park for West Hartford pooches.

Coleman said without a park in their hometown, pet parents drive to parks in Simsbury, Granby, Enfield and Glastonbury to meet with other dog lovers and give their pups much-needed off-leash play time and socialization.

In late 2021, more than 1,300 West Hartford residents partic-

Guilty plea in fake COVID vaccine cards case

Staff report

A Waterbury woman waived her right to be indicted and pleaded guilty to a false statement offense stemming from her creation of false COVID-19 vaccine records for several people, according to federal authorities.

Zaya Powell, 25, pleaded guilty to one count of making a false statement relating to a health care matter, which carries a term of up to five years in prison, according to federal authorities. U.S. District Judge Jeffrey A. Meyer in New Haven scheduled sentencing for Nov. 4. Powell is free on a \$25,000 bond pending sentencing.

Federal authorities said, citing

court documents and statements made in court, that Powell worked as a data entry specialist for Griffin Health Services Corp. and traveled to COVID-19 vaccination sites in the state that were operated by Griffin Health.

Powell did not administer vaccines, but had access to Griffin Health’s electronic health record system and to “stacks of blank COVID-19 vaccination cards,” federal authorities said in a statement. Further, Powell had access to the Vaccine Administration Management System, also known as VAMS, a Centers for Disease Control database used to track vaccines, the statement said.

“Between August and October

2021, Powell created fraudulent vaccination records in VAMS for 14 different individuals,” the statement said. “The records indicated that each of the 14 individuals had received a single-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccination at a Griffin Health location when, in fact, none had received any COVID-19 vaccination from Griffin Health or any other health care provider.”

Powell entered each person’s name and birth date into VAMS to create the fake cards, federal authorities said in the statement. “She also created fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination cards for each of the 14, and distributed the fraudulent cards to the individuals or to their family members or co-workers.”

The fake cards also “included lot numbers of genuine vaccines that were administered to other Griffin Health patients.”

Federal authorities said four of the 14 people who received the fake vaccination cards Powell created were state employees who worked at the Southbury Training School, a state Department of Developmental Services facility in Southbury. The four employees were required due to their positions to be vaccinated and allegedly sought and used the fake vaccination cards Powell created, and the false VAMS entries she did, “to falsely document that they had received a COVID-19 vaccination,” the federal statement said.



Wethersfield, Bridgeport, Hartford and Milford are bringing back PorchFest, an annual day of musical performances on the porches of homes and businesses. COURANT FILE PHOTO

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collective experience.

“We see kids in strollers, families on bikes, friends jamming out to the music. The musicians and the community are out to support each other and have a great time together,” Moore said.

Joseph Linhart, who will perform with his band Kenyon at West End PorchFest at Linhart’s home at 108 Kenyon Street, said: “I love Porchfest. I love watching. I love performing. It truly has grown into one of the great neighborhood traditions.”

Here is info available now about the four Connecticut PorchFest. The lineups may change or expand as the dates get closer. Check websites for updates.

**Wethersfield**

Wethersfield PorchFest, presented by Old Wethersfield Shopkeepers Association, will be Aug. 27 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the porches of businesses. oldwethersfield.com/porchfest/

Here is the lineup:

- 9 a.m.: Soulshine will offer free yoga at 9 a.m. and a vendor fair will take place all along the street.
- 10 a.m.: Michelle Suesens at Heirloom Market, 263 Main St.; Heather McLarney at Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum, 211 Main Street; Big Stabby Trio at Grange Fresh, 136 Main St.
- 11 a.m.: The Jolly Beggars at

- Keeney Memorial Cultural Center, 200 Main St.
- 11:30 a.m.: Jayden Earth at Village Chiropractic, 137 Main St.
- Noon: Kilashandra at Griffith Academy, 275 Main St.; Earl Champagne at Heirloom Market; Stardust Jazz at Circa Antiques; The Lox & Keyes Theory at The Charles, 161 Main St.
- 1 p.m.: Mary Ellen Cowles and Friends at Lucky Lou’s, 222 Main St.; TSC Acoustic at Soulshine Yoga, 163 Main St.; and Low Ceilings at Grange Fresh.
- 1:30 p.m.: Plumrose at Drumroll Coffee Roasters, 217 Main St.
- 2 p.m.: Anthony Zito and Human Racehorses at Heirloom Market; Mystic Seaport Chanteymen at Keeney Center; Yellow 9 at The Charles; The PPTs at Neill Walsh Goldsmith, 125 Main St.
- 2:30 p.m.: Juke Box 45 at Main Street Creamery, 271 Main St.; Brown Paper Sax at First Church, 250 Main St.
- 4 p.m.: Bonnie Jo Duo at Griffith Academy; Harold Walker at Circa Antiques.
- 4:30 p.m.: Tim Reardon at Lucky Lou’s; Florid at Neill Walsh Goldsmiths.
- 5 p.m.: Charlie Diamond at Main Street Creamery; Shay Kiddy at Soulshine Yoga.

Bridgeport

Bridgeport also has a PorchFest on Aug. 27, from 1 to 8 p.m. in the Black Rock neighborhood surrounding St. Mary’s by the Sea church. The sixth Black Rock

PorchFest has not yet announced its lineup. facebook.com/blackrockporchfest/.

Hartford

Hartford’s third PorchFest, which takes place at homes in the West End, will be Sept. 18 from 1 to 6 p.m., presented by the West End Civic Association. The locations of performances are still being finalized. Noah Webster MicroSociety Magnet School, 5 Cone St., will be the central hub that will feature food trucks, a food and necessities drive to fill local pantries, sales of T-shirts designed by local artist Lindaluz Carrillo, an open mic hour and concerts.

Musicians, performing folk, classical, pop, punk, alt-rock, folk, rap and jazz, include Chadwick Thomas and Morgan Pope, Greg Wilfrid, Heather McLarney, Sink or Swim, Earl Champagne, Bright-Wave, Meetinghouse, Sam Moffett, Nikita, Brett Trotter, Florence Wolff Nicholson, Dylan Barnes, Jim Mercik and Kenyon. That list may grow, Moore said. westendporchfest.org.

Milford

Milford PorchFest, sponsored by the Milford Arts Council, will be Oct. 1 from noon to 6 p.m. at homes all around town. Bands and locations are still being recruited until Sept. 1. milfordporchfest.com.

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has met with representatives from Granby’s social services, youth services board, the Board of Education, the police departments, and others to gauge what is happening in Granby related to substance abuse.

The next step is inviting residents and business owners in Granby to join in the sessions and help gather information on what is needed in the community to combat the problem.

“Are they in recovery, and need help maintaining that?” Grey said. “Or, parents who might be parenting kids they feel might be at risk for substance abuse disorder, and we’ll be helping them with some prevention strategies.”

Privacy is assured as the individuals share their thoughts in the group, and those wishing to remain anonymous may also set up private meetings.

“Confidentiality is very important to us,” Grey said. “Even if they come to a group where there are other people, it will be made very clear that what is said here stays here. There will be no names in the final report. It will just be issues.”

Grey will be compiling the information and creating recommendations and strategies for the town.

“I will be putting all the information together, to formulate a plan to meet those needs,” she said, “whether its educational programming, like we already do in Simsbury, or maybe we find out that transportation to treatment is a big problem in Granby, so we’ll put together some kind of a program to treat that.”

In-person focus groups will be held at Farmington Valley YMCA on Aug. 23, Sept. 1, Sept. 8 and Sept. 15, and virtual focus groups will be offered on Sept. 7 and Sept. 17. The study is funded by the Pomeroy-Brace Fund of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

Anyone interested in participating should contact A Promise to Jordan at info@apromiseto-jordan.org or 860-390-1391.

Among other upcoming events, A Promise to Jordan will also be presenting a program at 6 p.m. on Aug. 18 at the Simsbury Public Library, on counterfeit prescriptions.

For more information on A Promise to Jordan, visit APromisetoJordan.org.

“We’re really anxious and more than a bit frustrated that after all these years — it’s going on 10-plus years — we still don’t have a dog park.”

— David Coleman, of the West Hartford Dog Park Coalition

ipated in a survey sponsored by the WHDPC: 88% of respondents said that West Hartford should have a dog park. Coleman said now is the perfect time to listen to the community and build a park for the town’s canine companions.

“We’re really anxious and more than a bit frustrated that after all these years — it’s going on 10-plus years — we still don’t have a dog park. But, we think now is a really good opportunity with the property at St. Brigid,” Coleman said. “Even if it’s temporary [we want] to show the community that dog parks work, that they’re great resources, that they’re great assets, that they help build a sense of community, and that this town should have a permanent one.”

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music spectrum as a musician and pastor,” said Clarke, who knew Powell.

“During his tenure as pastor, he made a remarkable impact on so many lives, not just in his local assembly but throughout Hartford and surrounding areas,” Clarke said. “Not only was he a tremendous preacher and pastor, he was a gospel music icon.”

He was so well known in the music industry that his services included video messages from music greats Harry Connick Jr., Fred Hammond and Kirk Franklin.

Numerous parishioners spoke at a recent City Council meeting in favor of the corner naming.

Parishioners said he was a “pillar of the community,” who for decades married them, buried their loved ones and “encouraged us through hard times.”

Gina Hansley told City Council members she’s been going to the church since 1998.

“When I walked in that door ... I felt so different,” she said. “When I came there, as he spoke the word that word sunk into my heart, it changed my life to the person I am today.”

Hansley added, “Pastor Powell loved and he was well loved.”

Parishioner Diane Webb said Powell was a great man of God.

“He taught us very well. He

taught us how to love our neighbor like ourselves,” Webb said.

Aside from “the word,” Powell taught many things — even how to tip in restaurants. He told them they should consider inflation when giving people money on the street. Community outreach to the homeless and the hungry was also at the heart of Powell’s ministry.

Parishioner Gwendolyn Bawl told the City Council, “This man was a man of God. He was a legend in his own time. He taught us how to live right.”

His widow Jacquelyn Powell, the church’s new pastor, said she was blessed by all of the wonderful things that were said about him and his impact on the entire community.

“Many people loved him all around this city, country and the world,” she said.

Hubert Powell was born and raised in Hartford. William Powell said his dad was a pastor officially for 36 years but a spiritual leader for 38 years. His music career started as a gospel organist and he later became a well-known jazz organist, moving into rhythm and blues, funk, hip hop and was a member of the renowned Wood, Brass & Steel, significant on the music scene of the 1970s.

In 1979, Hubert Powell was called to the ministry and began writing and producing gospel music with the band, “The Gospel Truth.” They recorded an album in the early 1980s.

“He wasn’t quite a household name but known all over the world on the music scene,” Kevin Powell, the youngest Powell son, said. “He toured Japan for 25 years.”

Kevin Powell said his father “stayed the course and put Hartford on the map.”

All three of Hubert and Jacquelyn’s sons are also accomplished professional musicians and part of the ministry at the church.

William Powell said his dad was “kind-hearted and hilarious” and loved adding a comedic element to his services, along with the stern delivery of the word.

“He called it sugar with the medicine,” William Powell said.

He said the politicians would come by the church at opportune times and dad would tell them, “This better not be the only time I see you.”

William Powell said the family is grateful to whoever proposed naming the corner after dad because they would like to preserve his “legacy.”

Kevin Powell added that his father’s life was an example of it’s not where you impact, but how you impact that matters the most.

“The legend, the icon, the goat,” Kevin Powell said. “A loss that is greatly felt all over the world from Africa to Japan. Someone who [had] traveled all over the world and [had] the opportunity to live all over the world but called Hartford, Connecticut home until his very last breath.”



CONNECTICUT

Area farmers face new challenges

As changing climate brings severe drought, ‘I don’t think there is any normal anymore’

By Jennifer McDermott  
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE — Vermont farmer Brian Kemp is used to seeing the pastures at Mountain Meadows Farm grow slower in the hot, late summer, but this year the grass is at a standstill.

That’s “very nerve-wracking” when you’re grazing 600 to 700 cattle, said Kemp, who manages an organic beef farm in Sudbury. He describes the weather lately as inconsistent and impactful, which he attributes to a changing climate.

“I don’t think there is any normal anymore,” Kemp said.

The impacts of climate change have been felt throughout the Northeastern U.S. with rising sea levels, heavy precipitation and storm surges causing flooding and coastal erosion. But this summer has brought another extreme: a severe drought that is making lawns crispy and has farmers begging for steady rain. The heavy, short rainfall brought by the occasional thunderstorm tends to run off, not soak into the ground.

Water supplies are low or dry, and many communities are restricting nonessential outdoor water use. Fire departments are combatting more brush fires and crops are growing poorly.

Providence, Rhode Island, had less than half an inch of rainfall in the third driest July on record, and

Boston had six-tenths of an inch in the fourth driest July on record, according to the National Weather Service office in Norton, Massachusetts. Rhode Island’s governor issued a statewide drought advisory Tuesday with recommendations to reduce water use. The north end of the Hoppin Hill Reservoir in Massachusetts is dry, forcing local water restrictions.

Officials in Maine said drought conditions really began there in 2020, with occasional improvements in areas since. In Auburn, Maine, local firefighters helped a dairy farmer fill a water tank for his cows when his well went too low in late July and temperatures hit 90. About 50 dry wells have been reported to the state since 2021, according to the state’s dry well survey.

The continuing trend toward drier summers in the Northeast can certainly be attributed to the impact of climate change, since warmer temperatures lead to greater evaporation and drying of soils, climate scientist Michael Mann said. But, he said, the dry weather can be punctuated by extreme rainfall events since a warmer atmosphere holds more moisture — when conditions are conducive to rainfall, there’s more of it in short bursts.

Mann said there’s evidence shown by his research at Penn State University that climate

change is leading to a “stuck jet stream” pattern. That means huge meanders of the jet stream, or air current, get stuck in place, locking in extreme weather events that can alternately be associated with extreme heat and drought in one location and extreme rainfall in another, a pattern that has played out this summer with the heat and drought in the Northeast and extreme flooding in parts of the Midwest, Mann added.

Most of New England is experiencing drought. The U.S. Drought Monitor issued a new map Thursday that shows areas of eastern Massachusetts outside Cape Cod and much of southern and eastern Rhode Island now in extreme, instead of severe, drought.

New England has experienced severe summer droughts before, but experts say it is unusual to have droughts in fairly quick succession since 2016. Massachusetts experienced droughts in 2016, 2017, 2020, 2021 and 2022, which is very likely due to climate change, said Vandana Rao, director of water policy in Massachusetts.

“We hope this is maybe one period of peaking of drought and we get back to many more years of normal precipitation,” she said. “But it could just be the beginning of a longer trend.”

Rao and other water experts in New England expect the current drought to last for several more months.

“I think we’re probably going to be in this for a while and it’s going to take a lot,” said Ted Diers,

assistant director of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services water division. “What we really are hoping for is a wet fall followed by a very snowy winter to really recharge the aquifers and the groundwater.”

Rhode Island’s principal forest ranger, Ben Arnold, is worried about the drought extending into the fall. That’s when people do more yardwork, burn brush, use fireplaces and spend time in the woods, increasing the risk of forest fires. The fires this summer have been relatively small, but it takes a lot of time and effort to extinguish them because they are burning into the dry ground, Arnold said.

Hay farmer Milan Adams said one of the fields he’s tilling in Exeter, Rhode Island, is powder a foot down. In prior years it rained in the spring. This year, he said, the dryness started in March, and April was so dry he was nervous about his first cut of hay.

“The height of the hay was there, but there was no volume to it. From there, we got a little bit of rain in the beginning of May that kind of shot it up,” he said. “We haven’t seen anything since.”

Farmers are fighting more than the drought — inflation is driving up the cost of everything, from diesel and equipment parts to fertilizer and pesticides, Adams added.

“It’s all through the roof right now,” he said. “This is just throwing salt on a wound.”

Boutique aiming for unique at Westfarms

‘I want it to be a place of peace,’ owner of new Ashars’ beauty bar says

By Deidre Montague  
Hartford Courant

WEST HARTFORD — Dana Coachman was out shopping for a new dress at Westfarms Mall when she said she felt a nudge from God telling her the mall would be the new home for her boutique.

When she acted on that nudge, she never imagined being the newest Black-owned store owner in Westfarms Mall.

Coachman owns the new boutique and beauty bar, called Ashars’ Boutique and Beauty Bar.

When shoppers walk into Coachman’s boutique, the light jazz music playing there aims to place everyone at ease, amid an array of colorful and unique clothing, including dresses, jewelry, shoes and accessories for sale.

In the back of the store, there is a nail technician and a hair salon that takes customers via appointment or walk in.

Coachman hopes that people coming into her shop will see her boutique and beauty bar as not just a place to shop, but a place of serenity.

“I want it to be a place of peace, where people can escape certain things, come here and just feel like they can let their guard down,” she said.

She said she also wants to make sure that her boutique remains unique and classy. Part of that comes from her decision not to look at trends or the overall fashion industry much, in order to stay true to her vision for what she offers to customers, she said.

“I support other businesses and boutiques, but I think for me, so I won’t lose my creativity, I don’t look at the industry as much. I don’t look at what other people are doing. I want my creativity to be authentic and not because somebody else is doing it,” Coachman said. “I was always different and unique. That’s what I want this to be known as — something that’s done naturally, because it looks different for everybody.”

Having the boutique and beauty bar in Westfarms Mall is truly a dream come true for Coachman, she said, as she has always had a passion for fashion, even as a young girl.

“I’ve always been into fashion. Always been this unique, different child, not afraid to wear different hairstyles, not afraid (of) just being different. Growing up, I was taller than most, thin stature in school. I just like fashion,” she said.

Crediting her mother, Linda Arnold, for rearing her to have style and class, Coachman said that she was always encouraged to find unique pieces of clothing growing up.

Throughout the years, she carried this idea with her, she said, as she wore unique hairstyles and fashion, even designing her own prom dress in high school.

“Before colored hair was a thing, that was me. I would wear finger waves with all different colors, yellow, purple, green, all that,” she said. “It was so funny, because even in school, high school and college, people would say, ‘You’re so different,’ and don’t expect anything less from you.”

Coachman said she has many ideas for the boutique and beauty bar, including a showcase called First Saturdays, where she plans to highlight small business owners and minority businesses, giving them an opportunity to showcase their products, along with featuring the products in her boutique for the month.

Her parents, Clinton Arnold Sr. and Linda Arnold, help Coachman in the boutique and beauty, as Coachman is building the business up, she said.

Clinton Arnold said they work to support her as much as they can to help her with her vision toward success.

“She wants to be an entrepreneur. So we (are) trying to support her in what she does ... just the positive things. All parents want their kids to succeed at what they want to do. Help to direct, to guide, to give her some advice ...” he said. “It’s up to her to take it ... and let her decide how she wants to filter it. It’s important, because parents want their kids to succeed, so we tried to do our best to make it happen.”



Kids get a chance to show their stuff

Photos by Melanie Savage | Courant Community

VERNON — The Tolland County 4-H Club held its annual fair on the grounds of the UConn Tolland Country Extension in Vernon on Aug. 12-14. Annual fairs offer 4-H Club members the opportunity to showcase projects that they’ve been working on throughout the course of the year. Fairs are organized and run by club members, giving kids additional experience in organizational and management skills.

Above, Julia Cohen, 11, of Ellington, prepares to show her llama, Stormy, who had just rolled on the ground, getting her freshly groomed coat covered in grass, but made up for her naughtiness with her exceptionally affectionate and outgoing behavior.

At left, Luke Osowieck, 8, of Granby, with his lemon beagle Bandit, and Mikayla Kuzdzal, 12, of Southwick, Massachusetts, with her Pomeranian/chihuahua mix Diego, participate in the Junior Novice Showmanship category.

Bonuses

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“1A” or “1B” of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s vaccination priority lists.

Some of the front line workers in these categories include health care personnel, food and agricultural workers, manufacturing workers, grocery store staff, public transit workers, teachers and child care personnel.

To be eligible, applicants had to be employed between March 10, 2020, and May 7, 2022, and could not have worked remotely.

Full-time workers who earn less than \$100,000 can apply for a \$1,000 grant. Those earning more than \$100,000 but less than \$150,000 are eligible for grants on a sliding scale, ranging as low as \$200.

Part-timers — working less than 30 hours per week — can apply for a \$500 grant.

To make the dollars stretch, the legislature and Lamont excluded a third category of essential work-

ers, listed as “1C” by the Centers for Disease Control.

These include a wide range of jobs, but labor advocates pointed to some in this category that were hard to understand. Soup kitchens, food pantries and other community meal programs fall into this category, as do gasoline station workers.

The other way to stretch the dollars included a directive to the comptroller to reduce all grants proportionally.

The comptroller’s office would not speculate whether grants might have to be cut in half, in thirds, or by some other measure to fit within the program budget. The office won’t make any determination about that until after the application period closes on Oct. 1, and after most applications have been processed. The state isn’t expected to issue relief bonuses until early in 2023.

Connecticut labor leaders already have said the program is too frugal.

Rep. Robyn Porter, D-New Haven, who co-chairs the labor

committee, called the \$30 million “a drop in the bucket” and a tiny fraction of what the state could afford — given the record-setting \$4.3 billion surplus with which it closed the last fiscal year on June 30.

And with a proportional reduction of grants appearing increasingly likely, Porter and the labor panel’s other co-chairwoman, Julie Kushner, D-Danbury, both called this week for legislators to allocate a second round of funding for pandemic bonuses when the regular 2023 General Assembly session opens next January.

“I think it’s our obligation,” Kushner said Thursday. “We cannot forget these workers. We cannot pretend it’s over, we’re past it and we’re moving on.”

The Danbury lawmaker added that “the huge volume of applications that we’ve seen in the first few days of the program really confirms what we’ve said all along: That there are thousands and thousands of heroes in the state of Connecticut who risked their lives and went to work when so many of us were

able to stay home and stay safe.”

Two spokespeople for Lamont’s office could not be reached for comment late Thursday.

House Speaker Matt Ritter, D-Hartford, said he is open to considering more funding for the program next year.

But the speaker also said there would have been no bonus system at all this summer had it not been for legislative leaders and the governor’s office.

It became clear early on, he said, that the full legislature and governor would not support a \$750 million program, but the labor committee didn’t offer any compromise alternatives.

“We’re always open to exploring stuff, and I’m glad to see the program is getting more interest,” he said. “But the only number out there was \$750 million.”

Most legislators and Lamont were committed to using most of the \$4.3 billion budget surplus to mitigate the state’s massive pension debt, a \$40 billion-plus problem that has put increasing pressure on state finances for decades.



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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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ESTATE OF Kristine M. York, Late of Middletown, AKA Kristine York (22-00770)

The Hon. Joseph D. Marino, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Middletown Probate Court, by decree dated August 11, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Denise H. Garrey, Assistant Clerk

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August 16, 2022 7269475

LEGAL NOTICE

The Killingworth Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission took the following action at a Regular Meeting held on August 9, 2022 at Killingworth Emergency Operations Center, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, CT:

APPROVED: Application of Pfrommer for a pool shed on approximately 0.028 acres of Upland Review Area at 17 Dudley Towne Road.

APPROVED: Application of Jette for a utility trench in an Upland Review Area at 96 Schnoor Road.

Dated at Killingworth: August 10, 2022

Publication Date:  
August 16, 2022  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANN C. HALE, Late of Portland (22-00220)

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August 16, 2022 7269543

NOTICE OF DECISIONS  
MIDDLETOWN PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 10, 2022

1. Approved with conditions a request for a special exception for a change of use from a residential to a commercial/office use at 316 and 324 Washington Street in the MXC zone. Applicant/Agent: Aston House, LLC. SE2022-7

2. Granted an affirmative GS 8-24 to upgrade the Red Road Pumping Station at 90 Red Road. Applicant/Agent: City of Middletown/Water & Sewer Department. GS 8-24 2022-12

Thomas Pattavina, Chair  
Planning and Zoning Commission  
8/16/2022 7269008

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Lillian T. LaCombe (22-00621)

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Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

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ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Sec. 21(f) of the City Charter, a public hearing is scheduled by the Ordinance Committee of the City Council, duly authorized, on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bristol Library, 5 High Street, Bristol, CT on new sections to the Bristol Code of Ordinances.

• Article VIII., Secs. 13-122 through 13-131, Cannabis Establishments.

News publication of the complete text of the Ordinances are dispensed with due to their length. Copies are available for public distribution at the City Clerk's Office during office hours.

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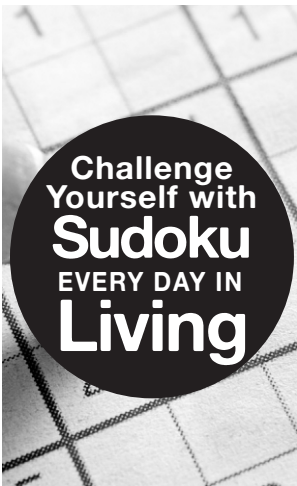
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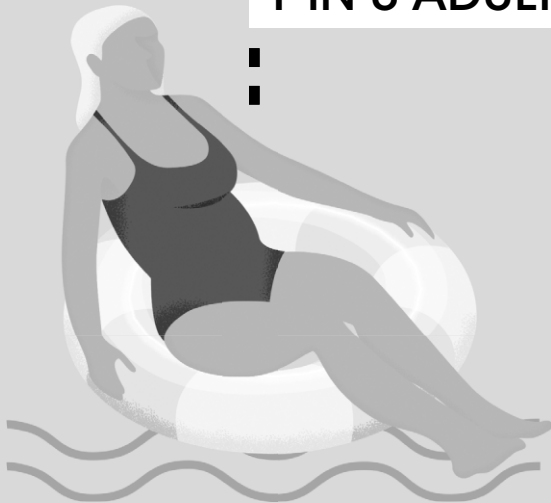
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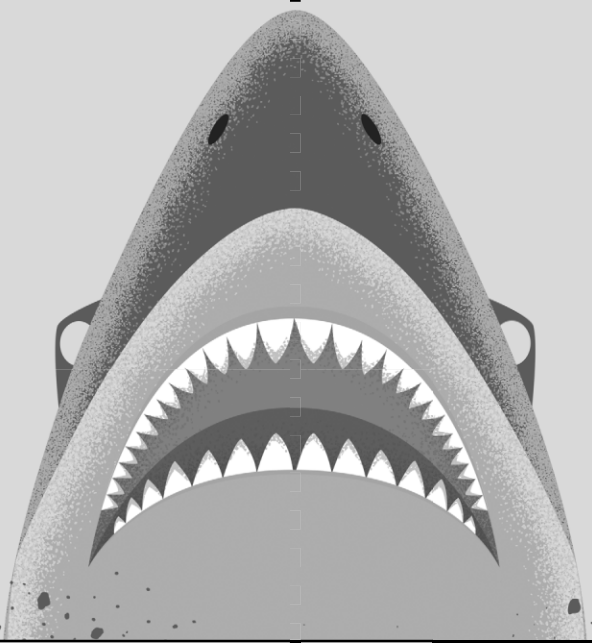
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OP-ED

# I’m still here; state looks better all the time

By Robert V. Lally

Three years ago, I wrote on these pages about not moving to Florida. My house was for sale because I moved across town for a better view, not because I was running from the cold and high taxes. The op-ed piece was warmly received, including a nice follow-up call from Gov. Ned Lamont. At the time, even modest praise of life in Connecticut was seen perhaps as contrarian if not downright controversial.

In the present time: post-election, after the Capitol riot, many school shootings later, sort of post-COVID, further into climate change, it might be time to revisit this topic. Still in Connecticut, listening with patience as my friends praise Florida/Texas/Arizona/California. Of course, it is not possible to do this commentary without crossing a bit into the political.

But here goes.

Bottom line, I am still in Connecticut; the state is looking better all the time. Compared to other states: no wildfires, few brownouts or air-quality emergencies. We seem, even in a drought, to have water. Lawns are still being irrigated. Cars washed. Water served in restaurants. The Connecticut River is getting cleaner. The Farmington River, my go-to fly fishing destination 20 minutes from my house, is spectacular. I note all the Pennsylvania and New York license plates. While bear sightings are up, general nasties like mosquitoes, lizards and snakes seem to succumb to the winter and must restart in the spring. Exterminators



Connecticut has world-class medical care and excellent educational opportunities, the author says. Above is Litchfield County. **TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY**

can be found on the internet but, unlike Florida, are not as ubiquitous as Amazon Prime delivery vans on every street. July and August can be hot, but our roads are not melting.

We have restrictive, but to my mind, thoughtful gun laws including limitations on assault weapons and large magazines. I got a pistol permit, but it took six months and seemed like a rational process. Our

state officials (governor, representatives, senators) rarely embarrass us on national television. No one even hinted there was a problem with our election.

We wore masks as directed during the worst of COVID. Towns sensibly relented on strict zoning rules and let restaurants move onto the sidewalk. Our state government seemed to follow national guidelines based on medical science. The vast majority of my

fellow citizens masked up with a sense of civic duty if not always concurrence.

Connecticut supports a woman’s right to choose. No state trigger laws. The state does not generally ban books, meddle in local school curriculum, or get too woke. My fellow citizens appear to support and wish to continue to fund the police. Marriage can include anyone in this state. We seem to be keeping church and state pretty separate.

Finally, we might, if not winning, at least are not facing immediate extermination over the climate. A small state, downwind of most of the continent, I am not sure how much we can do to save the world on our own. But at least it is not 115 degrees, with no water, our woods on fire and power outages. Winter is cold but we are used to it. Our coast is generally comfortably above sea level and likely to stay that way. Most of the hurricanes miss us.

Of course, taxes are still high. Our roads and bridges need work. The trains are an adventure. Bradley International Airport is miles from the bus terminal or train station (always baffled me).

So, I am still here, with world-class medical care, excellent education opportunities, and the best pizza in America. I share the state with fellow residents who seem reasonable, less radical, more conciliatory. A land of steady habits and increasingly, relatively speaking, nice weather.

*Robert V. Lally is a CPA and senior partner at Federman, Lally & Remis. He lives in Avon.*

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Biden must send message to Putin, other dictators

How long will the world let Russian President Vladimir Putin hold it hostage? President Joe Biden must show bold leadership — like President George H.W. Bush during the Persian Gulf War 1990-1991 — and build a coalition to quickly defeat Russia in the war with Ukraine. This means military intervention by all means possible short of boots on the ground. Russia cannot win a multifront war. It must be pushed entirely out of Ukraine and its military forces there thoroughly destroyed. This will yield several positive outcomes. It will ease inflation in energy and food prices. It will send a message to dictators around the world that there will be negative consequences for invading peaceful neighbors just because you feel like it. It will show Ukraine much-needed appreciation for its sacrifices and help it on its way to becoming the Western liberal democracy it seeks to be.

**Mark Milewski, West Hartford**

### Reasons to vote Republican?

Vote Republican if: You believe 10-year-old rape victims should be denied access to a safe abortion; you believe every 8-year-old should have access to a military-style assault rifle with magazines capable of carrying more than 40 rounds in case those backyard varmints are wearing bulletproof vests; you believe it's OK for a former president to ask a secretary of state to “find” the exact number of votes needed to overturn the popular vote in a state he lost; you believe large corporations should be able to use tax loopholes to avoid paying taxes; you believe, without evidence, that the 2020 election was stolen; and support the use of that canard to justify restricting voting

rights; you believe that two people of the same gender who love each other should be denied the right to marry or adopt a child; you believe we don't need to aggressively address climate change in the face of record temperatures, flooding, wildfires and severe weather events; you believe it's OK to play politics with veteran health care benefits.

My granddaughter and her children will remember your vote.

**Scott MacDonald, Higganum**

### Aaron Judge will keep his current job

When I saw the headline in today's Courant “Judge weighs bid for mayor,” I thought baseball star Aaron Judge was planning a career change. After reading the article, I'm happy to see that he is staying with the Yankees.

**Thomas D. Witt, Middletown**

### Let’s worry about the folks already here

I am pro-life in that I think everyone should have the best chances for success. I think we need to take care of the lives we have here and now. What about all of the children in foster care who are waiting for adoption (why are they there)? How about improving education starting at preschool with good (not censured) education and life experiences (going to a farm, attending a play, volunteer work, etc.)? How about helping our vets who have given far more than anyone has the right to ask? A bill to help them was just voted down. Better yet, how about better birth control for all instead of making it illegal? That could mitigate the problem before it gets out of hand.

Babies can be such a joy, but in the right circumstances.

**Karen Jacob, Weatogue**

### Request to keep answers away from games

Not as important as other letters you receive, but I probably am not the only one to ask that the answers not be printed under each game on the page. Maybe they could be moved upside-down at the bottom of the page or even better on another page entirely. I try to cover the answers with sticky notes by just glancing where it should go.

I love the challenge of all the games, so I hope you can consider this request. Thank you.

**Barbara Lawson Stanco, Bristol**

### Politicians shouldn’t decide who has surgery

Peter Wolfgang, executive director of the Family Institute of Connecticut, says that abortion is a political issue like other political issues [Connecticut, Page 1, July 29, “Anti-abortion advocates pressing for parental notification legislation”]. A political issue? Really? Have we allowed the government so much intrusion into and control of our lives that a woman's control of her body, or anybody's control of their body, is now a matter for the politicians to decide? Can the government decide whether I can have a dental implant or cataract surgery? We should be leery of what Wolfgang suggests before we lose whatever freedoms we thought we had that are not explicitly mentioned in the Constitution.

**Martin Epstein, West Hartford**

OP-ED

# So little action in America to restrict access to guns

By Paul Scollan

*A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the People to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.*

— 1791, Second Amendment

The wording of the Second Amendment could use a closer look for historical intent and context. On reading it you will find combined references to a “well-regulated militia” to protect the “free State,” followed by a “right to keep and bear arms.” Both appear to express need as well as right.

The phrasing is unfortunate as one would think the keeping and bearing of arms was a guaranteed right for any citizen for whatever reason. Historical context is everything here. It signaled the need to have armed citizens prepared to take collective action (“well-regulated militia”) against large or small organized threats in the absence of a professional standing army.

The framers were also thinking about protection of person and property, as law enforcement was virtually nonexistent then. Not that the rifle or long gun of the era, taken alone, was of much use, being a cumbersome muzzle-loading musket, firing one round per one or two minutes and accurate only at close range.

Colonists under English rule were forbidden to possess arms. The Second Amendment was a defiant answer to that ban. At the time of the Revolution and the establishment of a fledgling state, we were a mostly agricultural nation of four million people. Democracy was a social experiment. No one could be sure President George Washington would be the leading revolutionary voice of a democratic republic — or crowned king. And the banging on the door by British troops was still ringing in their ears.



Variations of the AR-15 assault rifle are displayed in August 2012 at the California Department of Justice in Sacramento. **RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP**

I'd argue that today we have citizen militias, our professionally trained state and national guard forces called upon when needed. Their weapons are not kept in personal possession but in safeguarded armories. This citizen army meets the requirement of a well-regulated militia and the bearing and keeping of arms.

Gun power and gun powder in America have never known any relaxation or restraint in limits on guns since then, with few exceptions. Call the motives what you will: power, domination, fear of neighbors and non-citizens, the greed of gun makers and gun sellers, or simply a blood-lust that never left our collective bloodstream.

During the westward expansion we had the rifle used by “sportsmen hunters,” who for entertainment hopped on the trans-continental train to shoot bison from rail cars, leaving carcasses to rot where they dropped, decimating a source of life to the indigenous tribes of the Great Plains, closely followed by Samuel Colt's 45 that won the West by overpowering the native residents who stood in the path of Manifest Destiny. Modern firearm technology has upped

the ante a hundredfold and the romanticized gun culture has kept up with it. The NRA is quick to make a clear division between criminals and law-abiding citizens. We have a local gun store that proudly advertises “guns for the good guys.” Sadly, the good guys are often the ones who end up in the news in active-shooter incidents. Too often it's the good guys with no criminal record or psychiatric history who fall into acute emotional crisis, domestic disputes, road rage, employment disputes or other trigger event.

A Vietnam veteran, I was trained on the M-16 automatic rifle and informed of the weapon's firepower and ballistics. Its close cousin, the commercial AR-15, is a semi-automatic assault rifle that with simple external or internal devices bought on the internet can be converted to automatic. On impact the rounds have a shock-wave bursting-wound effect, making a tumbling, careening course through the body, hitting vital points outside its trajectory, shattering bones and internal organs in its path. The weapon's lethality is well-known. Trauma surgeons and medical examiners have

observed its destructive force first-hand. Ask them. Write to them.

Today, we have 30 million (or more) non-law-enforcement citizens who own AR-15 assault rifles. Gun enthusiasts and gun-culture “patriots” have taken to them with no recoil, high accuracy and muzzle velocity, giving owners the drug-high feeling of invincibility. It was banned by Congress in 1994, with a 10-year expiration date attached, and in 2004 the Republican majority let it expire — expire being the operative word.

As for legal liability, it's ironic and pathetic that gun manufacturers, distributors and retailers are held to an almost nonexistent legal standard of liability (refer to federal liability protections), while ladder-makers are so lawsuit-weary they have to plaster their product with accident disclaimers. Take notice next time you go to a hardware store.

Nothing surprising here that for some time the majority of Americans have favored stricter gun control. You wouldn't know that to see so little action on Capitol Hill to restrict access to guns. Recently, after Uvalde, the folks on The Hill made a token attempt — though it was mere political window-dressing. Could it be those non-legislators hanging out in the lobby?

We should commend Sens. Chris Murphy and Richard Blumenthal and others, however, for their efforts to chip away at the stonewalls of a stonewalling Congress.

The NRA and other avid pro-gun groups sleaze-off the problem to mental health. My question: Whose? Theirs?

*Paul Scollan is a member of CT Citizens against Gun Violence and a retired licensed clinical social worker in community mental health.*



OBITUARIES BY TOWN

**Bristol**  
Reynold Begin  
Lois Nilson  
Maria Rivera  
Ada Zoccoli

**East Hartford**  
Rinaldo Fierro  
Rose Neary

**Enfield**  
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Theresa E. Dziadul

**Farmington**  
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**Hartford**  
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Nancy L. Cassello  
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Marion L. Robinson

**Manchester**  
Pauline O. Darby

**Marlborough**  
Rose M. Cary

**Middletown**  
Pauline O. Darby  
John E. Terrell, Sr.

**New Britain**  
Geraldine Janowski  
Ada Zoccoli

**Other Towns in CT**  
Joseph P. Carpe  
Thelma Pease  
John E. Terrell, Sr.

**Plainville**  
Mark Colello  
Geraldine Janowski  
Lois Nilson

**South Windsor**  
Nancy L. Cassello  
Rose Neary

**Southington**  
Jeffrey E. Boga

**West Hartford**  
Carol Sinon

**Wethersfield**  
Stamatia "Stem" Dumas

**Windsor**  
Willie H. Milner, Jr.  
Marion L. Robinson

\* Denotes name listing only.  
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Black Jr., Wallace



Wallace Black Jr., 65, of Hartford, husband of the late Michele Black, transitioned peacefully Friday, August 12, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. Wallace was born October 28, 1956, in Orlando, Fl, son of the late Wallace Black Sr., and Pearl Rasberry. Wallace leaves to cherish his memory, his children, Rayshonda Mitchell and her husband Tyrone of Stratford, CT, and Christopher Black and his wife Courtney of New Britain, CT; sisters, Merry Black- Miller and her husband Shearman of Atlanta, Ga, and Patricia Ann Gibbs of Seabrook, SC; granddaughters, Tyra Mitchell, Kyleigh Black, Kassidy Black, Kelsie Black, and Kennedi Black; extended family, Shannon Rich, and a host of other relatives and friends. Public calling hours will be held 4pm-7pm Thursday, August 18, 2022, at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor, CT. Funeral services and interment will be private. For online condolences and complete obituary, please visit [www.carmonfuneral-home.com](http://www.carmonfuneral-home.com)



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Janowski, Geraldine Veronica Rose



Geraldine Veronica Rose Janowski, (known to those who knew and loved her as ("Gerrie")), 86, of New Britain, CT and West Dennis, MA passed away peacefully on August 11, 2022 at Jerome Home. Gerrie was born at home in New Britain, CT on December 3, 1935 to the late Peter and Mary (Kozlowski) Janowski. She was a graduate of New Britain High School class of 1953. Gerrie was employed at Stanley Tools for 38 years, retiring in 1994 as Manager of Data Operations. In the early sixties, Gerrie took a 3-year hiatus and headed to Florida with her friend Anita where she made many long-lasting friendships. She was an active member of Holy Cross Church and The Children of Mary Sodality. Gerrie looked forward to Wednesdays with Stanley Seniors. She was a diehard Red Sox fan and huge UCONN Girls basketball fan, having traveled to many championship games. She traveled extensively within the United States, visiting National Parks, presidential libraries, and homes along the way. Gerrie's travels included two cross country Canadian trips by car, two Caribbean cruises and a most memorable trip to Maui with Anita and family to visit her niece Sandy and Frank. She enjoyed local casinos and Las Vegas where she would enjoy a show and drop a few bucks on the slots and blackjack table. Gerrie had a great sense of humor and was a fierce competitor when playing cards or board games. She was always up for a challenge and a good time. Gerrie owned a home on Cape Cod for over 48 years. During that time, she experienced all the Cape had to offer. Best of all was what Gerrie had to offer: entertaining her neighbors by hanging out her personal undergarments on the clothesline as well as cocktail parties on the deck with plenty of laughs that lasted well past the intended end time. She looked forward to yearly Summer get togethers in Chatham, MA with the Feore families and with Anne Donovan in Orleans, MA. Tag sales, the fireworks and antique car show in September, Thanksgiving meals, New Year's Eve Gong shows were enjoyed by Gerrie, Anita and numerous friends. She loved eating at Kream 'N' Kone, Swan River Restaurant, Arnold's and shopping at Cuffy's. Evening walks on West Dennis Beach were a must. Her home was always open to visitors. Gerrie is survived by Anna Bosch, her lifelong friend. She also leaves behind her loving niece, Laura Whitehead (Bob) and daughters Anne Brazdzionis (James) and Olivia Whitehead. In addition, she is survived by her sister Theresa Rustad of Bristol and sister-in-law, Wanda Janowski of Plainville, nephews: Mark (Cassia), Gary, Norman "Rusty", Pete, Danny, nieces: Mary (John), Marsha, Sandy (Frank), Mary Jane "Janie", Cheryl, and many grand/great nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers Peter and Daniel, brother-in-law Norman Rustad Sr. and sister-in-law Ann Janowski.

Gerrie leaves behind her "West Dennis family of friends:" Holly, Jim, Donna, Bob, Jane and Rosemary. Also left to mourn is Nancy Narsis of Bristol, CT, a very close friend and traveling companion. Special friends: Rita and Norma Beaulieu, Arlene Basarab, Lorraine DeMicco, Ruth Fazio and Judy Moulton. Remember Gerrie with a SMILE, LAUGH and a THANK YOU.

A special Thank you to the staff at Jerome Home and Arbor Rose "The Gardens" for the compassionate care they provided to Gerrie during the last 2 ½ years. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Friday, August 19, 2022 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Burritt Hill, 332 Burritt Street, New Britain, followed by a funeral home service at 11:30 a.m. Burial will follow the service in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Arbor Rose at Jerome Home, 975 Corbin Avenue, New Britain, CT 06052 "The Gardens" Recreation Fund in Gerrie's memory.



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Cary, Rose M. (Magnotta)



Rose M. (Magnotta) Cary, 98, of Marlborough, passed away peacefully Friday, August 12, 2022 surrounded by her loving family. She was the widow of Louis M. Cary "the love of her life". Rose was born May 4, 1924 and raised in Hartford, one of seven children to the late Rafaele and Raffaella (DelVecchio) Georgio Magnotta. Rose's life work was challenging from the start, to which she mastered it with great determination, courage, grace, and dignity. Her will was strong, her faith stronger. Rose was gifted with many talents, piano being one of them, as she was self-taught by ear. She made her home with Lou in Marlborough, worked as a professional seamstress for the Marlborough Country Barn, then later as an assistant bookkeeper for the local pediatrician in town, as she adored children and they her. Rose's life was full, whether playing the piano at Bill O'Neill's Governors Tavern or at the American Legion Post 197 with her husband Lou and many treasured friends at her side. Rose served as a Deacon alongside Lou at St. John Fisher Church, Marlborough. She shared her seamstress talents, from altar linens preparation, to making priest vestments and other church duties. Rose leaves her many beloved nieces and nephews, great and great great nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind her dearest friend, Philomena "Phil" Sivo. In addition to her parents, Rose was predeceased by her brothers and sisters, Angelo Mastrangelo, Pauline Martineau, Loretta Pizzoni, Anna Remillard, Mary Scata, and Thomas Magnotta. The family would like to express their gratitude to Rose's special at-home caregivers, many caring friends and neighbors, the doctors and nurses at Marlborough Clinic and Hartford Hospital Bliss II Steppedown Unit (Laura and Amy), for their compassionate care and comfort at a difficult time. Friends and relatives may pay their respects on Wednesday, August 17 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 12:00 p.m. in St. John Fisher Church, 30 Jones Hollow Rd., Marlborough. Interment will follow the Mass in Marlborough Center Cemetery, Rte. 66, Marlborough. To extend online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.desopofuneralchapel.com](http://www.desopofuneralchapel.com).



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Carpe , Joseph Paul



Joseph "Joe" Paul Carpe, 70, of Somers, beloved husband of Patricia (Wickland) Carpe, passed away at home on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, surrounded by his family after a brief but brave battle with brain cancer. He was born in Hartford, Connecticut on November 15, 1951, son of the late Joseph M. and Helen (McCarthy) Carpe. Joseph lived in Hartford until he was 16; he then moved to Enfield with his family where he graduated from Enfield High School in 1969. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Army. While in the Army, Joseph served in the Vietnam War from 1970-1972 as a flight technician. While in Vietnam, he was wounded by shrapnel from a mortar during an attack on his base, which led to him receiving a Purple Heart. Upon completion of his active duty service, he went on to serve with distinction in the Connecticut National Guard. During his service in the National Guard, Joseph rose to the rank of Captain and served as the crew chief for then Governor Ella Grasso from 1975-1977. He retired from the National Guard in 1994. Joseph was also a member of the Connecticut 1 st Company's Foot Guard, which he enjoyed for several years. Joseph earned an Associate's degree from Asnuntuck Community College and a Bachelor's degree in Business from UCONN. Joseph was employed by the Federal Government as a GS-14, the second highest rank achievable by a civilian. Joseph was a supervisor for the Defense Contract Management Agency in Quality Control. While employed with the Federal Government, Joseph's work led him around the world; he traveled to Saudi Arabia, Portugal, Ukraine, Poland, Egypt, Bahrain, Israel, Germany, and many other places. Joseph fondly remembered seeing the Great Pyramids of Giza, swimming in the Red Sea, and sailing in the Persian Gulf. Joseph retired in 2013 after 42 years. In 1975, on a blind date, he met his future wife Patricia A. (Wickland) Carpe. Joseph and Patricia were married on April 10, 1976 in Wethersfield, and celebrated their 46 th wedding anniversary this past April. Joseph and Patricia had two wonderful sons and lived in Enfield; Wiesbaden, Germany; Springville, Alabama; and finally, Somers. They enjoyed traveling together and visited London, Paris, Rome, the Caribbean, Venice, Salzburg, Prague, and Dublin. Joseph was an avid lover of music and collector of tapes, CDs, and records. When it came to electronics, he always remained up to date with any new gadget or device. His family always knew that he would be thrilled to receive a Best Buy Gift Card for any birthday or holiday. Joseph also loved history, classic movies, and documentaries, and proudly passed these passions onto his sons. As a younger man, Joseph enjoyed swimming and was known for his fantastic belly flops. Joseph was a lifelong fan of the New York Giants and Yankees. He was also a golf enthusiast and loved to play golf anytime and with anyone, but his favorite golf partners were his two sons. In addition to his loving wife Patricia, he is survived by his children, Brandon J. Carpe and his wife Meredith of Longmeadow, MA., and Aaron P. Carpe and his wife Amanda of East Longmeadow, MA., and three beautiful grandsons: Connor J. Carpe, Chase P. Carpe, and Alexander P. Carpe who all loved their "Poppy." He also leaves behind his siblings Stanley J. Carpe and his wife Lynn of Enfield, Cynthia J. Kosman and her husband Paul of Enfield, Robert A. Carpe and his wife Constance of East Windsor, and his sister-in-law Constance M. Wickland of Wethersfield as well as many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held privately. The family requests in lieu of flowers donations be made in Joseph's memory to The American Diabetes Association or St. Jude Cancer Research Hospital. To leave an online condolence message for the family visit: [www.browmemorialchapels.com](http://www.browmemorialchapels.com).

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Milner, Jr., Willie H.

Willie H. aka "Mr. Clean" Milner Jr., 86 of Windsor, CT, passed away peacefully on August 3, 2022. Willie was born to the late Willie Homer Milner and Ida (Walton) Thomas on April 10, 1936. Funeral services will be on Tuesday, August 16, 2022; Wake 10am-11am and the Funeral beginning at 11am will be held at All Faith Memorial Chapel, 90 John Fitch Boulevard, South Windsor, CT.

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DUMAS, Stamatia "Stem" (Stamos)



Stamatia "Stem" Dumas, 89, beloved wife of the late Constantine "Gus" Dumas, passed away at home on Saturday, August 13, 2022. Born in 1932 in the small village of Sianna, at the center of the island of Rhodes in Greece, she was the first daughter of the late Andrew and Evdokia Stamos. When she was five years old, she immigrated to the US with her family, arriving at Ellis Island in New York City and settling in Hartford, CT. Stem graduated from Bulkeley High School in 1950. She loved to read and worked part time at the Campfield Avenue branch of the Hartford Public Library. While her parents did not plan for her to attend college - Stem's supervisor at the library visited their home and convinced her parents to allow her to attend college. She continued her education at Bay Path Junior College, graduating in 1952. Stem started her employment as a legal secretary at Aetna, took a break to start her family and then worked for the State of Connecticut Housing Department as a Senior Secretary, which she loved and where she made many lifelong friends. Stem was known to be an organized and efficient employee who tended to take charge, sometimes being known as the 'defacto boss.' Stem had many interests, most especially, knitting, crafting and puzzles of all kinds and was a dedicated member of the Ladies Philoptochos Society at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Hartford. Stem and Gus settled in Wethersfield in 1962 to raise three daughters and a son. Family activities were a highlight of their lives including vacations at Cape Cod, Greek Dances and celebrating all holidays together. Attendance at Sunday dinners was mandatory, but they were always filled with good food and fun. Stem is survived by her daughters, Pandora Wohler, and her husband John, Dana Sullivan, and her husband Timothy, and son Theodore Dumas, and his wife Nhu. Her favorite and most fulfilling role was Yiayia to her grandchildren - Diana (husband Andrey Dolinko), Alex (fiance Jamey Kent), Brianna (husband Tyler Violano), Tori Wohler, Kelsey Sullivan, Andrew John "AJ" and Serena Console, and Siana and Isla Dumas. She also leaves a special light of her life, her great-grandson, Jacob Dolinko, along with her sister Sylvia Stamos and her sister-in-law Mary Gamilis and several loving nieces. She was predeceased by her husband, Gus, and her daughter, Vanessa. Stem had many friends who loved her sense of humor, loyalty and her occasional sassiness. She will be especially missed by Delores "Dee" Laurito, with whom she shared over 40 years of shenanigans, laughter and tears. Special thanks to her neighbors Bob and Chris Hughes for their care and generous love. Funeral services will be held Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 11:00 am at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 433 Fairfield Ave., Hartford, CT. Calling hours will be at the Cathedral immediately prior to the service from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery, 453 Fairfield Ave, Hartford, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Warm Up America! [www.warmupamerica.org](http://www.warmupamerica.org). or The National Alliance on Mental Illness [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org). For online expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit [www.desopofuneralchapel.com](http://www.desopofuneralchapel.com)



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Darby, Pauline O. (Osora)



Pauline O. Darby, of Manchester, 90, wife of the late George H. Darby, died peacefully in her home, on August 12, 2022. Paula was born Pauline Sophie Osora in Middletown CT at her family home on March 19, 1932. The doctor did not sign her birth certificate until the next day, March 20, 1932, so she always insisted she had two birthdays. Her father, Martin Osora, immigrated from Poland as a child. Her mother, Nellie Czajka Osora, was a first generation American, born of Polish immigrants. Paula was proud of her Polish heritage, spoke Polish, enjoyed polka dancing and Polish foods. She was raised in a large, close family, one of 8 children. Paula was a devout Catholic and attended Catholic schools as a child. She graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Middletown in 1949. After graduating, she worked at Russell Manufacturing in Middletown, and Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in East Harford, until she met the love of her life, George Darby of Glastonbury CT. They settled down in Manchester where she commenced the work she was born for: being a wife, mother, and CEO of the Darby family. Paula loved to cook and entertain. There was an open door policy at her house. You could show up at any time and she would feed you. She enjoyed being a school volunteer for her children and grandchildren. She was an inveterate bargain hunter and loved to attend rummage sales, yard sales and tag sales with her sister-in-law Marie Miller and their crew. She ran numerous yard sales, first on Spencer St. at the Miller farm, and later on Keeney St. Paula loved being a grandmother. She was blessed with five grandchildren and she loved each of them dearly. In her later years she and George grew flowers in their back yard and sold them in a cart on Keeney St. Paula was a communicant at Assumption Roman Catholic Church in Manchester and a long time member of the Assumption Ladies Guild. She enjoyed running the kitchen at the annual Assumption Christmas bazaar. Paula is survived by her son Michael Darby and wife Nancy, of Manchester, and her daughter Patricia Leyland and husband Andy, of Colchester. She leaves her five beloved grandchildren, Rachel Leyland, of Colchester, Kate Leyland and husband Zhenyu Li, of Auckland, New Zealand, Sarah Carley and husband Doug, of Manchester, Sam Darby of Manhattan, NY, and Emily Leyland of New Britain. She also leaves three great grandchildren, Lenora Li, Ronan Li and Jackson Carley. She is survived by her sister Terry Maltese of Middletown. She leaves numerous nieces and nephews from both the Osora and Darby families. She was predeceased by her siblings, Joseph Osora, Frank Osora, Elizabeth Wiernasz, Stanley Osora, Gertrude Magnano, and Raymond Osora.

Most importantly, Paula was very recently predeceased by her loving husband of 66 years, George Darby. George was her pal, fellow gardener, and constant companion; it is no coincidence that she died so soon after him. We are sure they are together again after their brief separation. To Paula, there were no strangers, only friends she had not yet met. You would be hard pressed to find a more positive and upbeat person. Paula's family wishes to acknowledge the touching outpouring of support and prayers for both her and George at George's funeral two weeks ago. Because Paula's passing is so close to George's, the family has elected to have Paula's services be private.

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Dziadul, Theresa E. (Tenerowicz)



Theresa Elizabeth (Tenerowicz) Dziadul, 91, beloved wife of the late Joseph Dziadul, Jr. went to sleep on August 10 and woke up in heaven. Theresa was born on June 15, 1931 to the late Valeria (Kissel) and Stanley Tenerowicz of Enfield, CT.

Teri attended Enfield schools and graduated from Bay Path College in 1952. She married Joe in 1953 and spent 55 wonderful years together. After college Teri worked for pediatrician, Dr. Richard Newmark in Springfield, MA and then became a stay-at-home Mom before creating her own career in the antiques business.

Teri loved to read. Flowers were her passion. She loved to garden and had a knack for keeping things alive and thriving. She loved to scour plant places all across New England. Teri had a flair for decorating and made every holiday and event magical, especially her Fairy Garden events and holiday gettogethers. Teri was a devoted mother and grandmother – always present for support and celebrating of life’s events. She is survived by her “very own daughter” and best friend, Martha Dziadul Doak, her son-in-law and chauffeur, Richard Doak, Sr., her “All American Girl” granddaughter, Hannah, and beloved grandson and roommate, Richard Doak, Jr. Teri also leaves her devoted god-daughter and niece, Dr. Susan Roberts, nephews Wayne, Alex, and Robert Umberfield, brother-in-law Walter Umberfield, cousins Eugene Orlowski, Sr., his wife Carol, and the extended Orlowski family members, her “adopted” Doak family, and numerous dear friends.

Teri was pre-deceased by her sister, Irene Ragno and her husband Louis, her brother Joseph Tenerowicz, her sister-in-law Helen Umberfield, her brothers-in-law Frank and John Dziadul, her aunt and god-mother Jay Orlowski and husband Joe, and cousin Eugene Orlowski, Jr. Special thanks to Trinity Heath Care Hospice program for their care of Mom.

Services are private and will be held at the convenience of the family. Donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Hospital or a mass said in Teri’s name at a church of your choice. To leave an online condolence message for the family visit: [www.browne-memorialchapels.com](http://www.browne-memorialchapels.com).

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Cassello, Nancy L.



Nancy Lanou Cassello 87, of South Windsor has passed away on August 12th 2022 to be reunited with her late husband Dominick Cassello Jr. She was born in Hartford to the late John and Albina Lanou. Nancy enjoyed her years as a bank teller and homemaker. She is a proud breast cancer survivor. Nancy was an avid fan of the Red Sox, Giants, Soap Operas and loved her fur babies Sassy, Cocoa, Maxie, Bonita and Fiore. A competitive game player, she enjoyed her Friday night card games with poker buddies followed by Saturday night family board games. Along with her late husband she was also predeceased by her son, Michael Cassello; sister, Pearl Hastings and brother, Vernon Lanou. Nancy was a devoted mother and is survived by her daughter, Karen Cassello; son, Dominick Cassello III; grandmother to Vincent Cassello and wife Katherine Carvache; sister-in-law, Delores Baranski and her children, Kathy, Sandy and Mark, additionally, she is survived by her niece, Farrel Luciani, her husband Peter and their two children. She also leaves her dear friends Mary Gagnon, Joyce Rhodes, Karen Gemme and Theresa Linn. After living in a close-knit neighborhood for 50 years, she also leaves behind friends, Dick and Kathy Smith, Maddie Ginsberg and Jerry, John Talcott and especially John and Lorraine Amaio. The Cassello family would also like to thank Irene, Regina and Pina for their help and support over the final years of her life. Special thanks to hospice nurse Vilma and hospice nurse aid Lonia. The family will receive friends and relatives Thursday August 18th 2022 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm at Rose Hill Funeral Home 580 Elm St. Rocky Hill with a Service to follow. Burial will be in the Rose Hill Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your local animal shelter and/or American Cancer Society. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories or photo tributes at [www.rosehillfuneral-homes.com](http://www.rosehillfuneral-homes.com)

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Fierro, Rinaldo



Rinaldo (Reno) Fierro, 82, of East Hartford, Connecticut, loving husband of Lorraine (Strass) Fierro, and beloved son of Mandato and Antonietta (Pastizzo) Fierro, passed away at Hartford Hospital on the morning of August 12, 2022. Born in Apice, Italy, Rinaldo and his family immigrated to America in 1954. He was a member of

the United States Army National Guard for 6 years before beginning his 35-year career as a welder with Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford, retiring in 2000. Rinaldo loved traveling the country with Lorraine, photography, his cats, being outdoors, and spending time with family. He was a proud Italian American who would gladly tell stories, sing Italian songs, play the harmonica, and recant many memories from his childhood in Italy to anyone who would listen. He was a devoted family man who dedicated his life to spreading happiness and laughter to his daughters and grandchildren. Rinaldo was predeceased by his parents, Mandato and Antonietta (Pastizzo) Fierro, his brothers, Felice Fierro and Antonio Fierro, and his sister, Marianna (Fierro) Rotundo. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Lorraine (Strass) Fierro; 2 daughters and their husbands: Anna Fierro- Gregg and Sean Gregg and Julia (Fierro) Lanzano-Jones and Brian Jones; as well as the joys of his life, his 4 grandchildren: Ian Reno Gregg, Danae Gregg, Gina Lanzano, and Raymond Rinaldo Lanzano; his sister, Rosa (Fierro) Fruscianti of Rocky Hill; and his devoted companion and brother-in-law, Luigi Rotundo of Newington, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins in Italy and America. His smile, laughter, and jokes will be missed by all who knew him. Calling hours for Rinaldo will be held Thursday, August 18, 2022 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home, 318 Burnside Ave, East Hartford, Connecticut 06108, and a Funeral home Prayer service will be held at 6:00 PM. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.NewkirkandWhitney.com](http://www.NewkirkandWhitney.com) for the Fierro family.

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Pease, Thelma (Barry)



Thelma (Barry) Pease, 97, of Broad Brook, beloved wife of the late John "Jack" Pease passed away Saturday, August 13, 2022. She was born December 30, 1924 in Hartford, the daughter of the late Edward and Edna (Danielson) Barry. She graduated from Ellsworth Memorial High School and retired from Hoffman Auto Group. After

retirement she enjoyed working in the blueberry fields of Dzen Farms. She was a member of the East Windsor Historical Society, East Windsor Garden Club and St. Catherine Altar Rosary Society. She loved to travel and spend time with her siblings. She is survived by her daughter, Dr. Susan Pease; her grandson, John Pease Love and his wife Carla; her beloved great granddaughter, Sofia Love and many nieces and nephews. Besides her loving husband, John "Jack" Pease, she was predeceased by her son, John "Jack" Pease and her five siblings, Betty Wheelock, Edward Barry, Aileen Brown, John "Red" Barry and Ann "Nancy" Madsen. The family wishes to thank the nurses and staff of Bickford Healthcare Center for their care and kindness to Thelma. Relatives and friends are welcome to join the family from 4 to 5 PM on Sunday, August 21, 2022 at the Bassinger & Dowd Funeral Home, 37 Gardner St., East Windsor. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 AM on Monday, August 22, 2022 at St. Catherine Church, 6 Windsorville Rd., Broad Brook. Burial will follow at St. Catherine Cemetery in Broad Brook. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the East Windsor Historical Society, 115 Scantic Rd., East Windsor, CT 06088. For online condolences please visit: [www.pietrasfuneralhome.com](http://www.pietrasfuneralhome.com)

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Terrell, Sr., John E.



John Eric Terrell, Sr., 57, of Middletown, husband of Vickey (Lloyd) Terrell, died Thursday August 11, 2022 at Hartford Hospital. He was born on the former military base hospital of Fort Ord, Monterey, CA, the son of the late George W. Terrell, Jr. and Phyllis (Duncan) Terrell. John was most recently a computer consultant with MFXchange US, Inc. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sons, John E. Terrell, Jr. and his wife Melissa, and Matthew C. Terrell; siblings, Nadine Terrell, Josie House, Victor Terrell, Sr., Aaron Terrell, Karen Turner, and Michael Terrell; three grandchildren, John Terrell, III, Micah Terrell and Zyair Terrell; and a host of nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held on Friday (Aug. 19th) from 5 to 7 p.m. at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St., Middletown. Funeral services and burial are private. To share memories or express condolences online please visit [www.biegafuneralhome.com](http://www.biegafuneralhome.com).

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Sinon, Carol Horan



Carol Horan Sinon passed away, at home surrounded by family, on Friday, August 12, 2022. Born on June 1, 1942, she was the daughter of Kieran W. and Kathleen (Egan) Horan. She was predeceased by her son Michael F. Sinon III, her husband Michael Sinon, Jr. and sisters Rita Leonard, Nancy Joyce, and Mary Alice Kirkland.

Carol was the light in the window that let everyone know they were welcome and home. She was the flame in the hearth that made everyone feel warm and safe. She was the spark that helped re-ignite everyone else’s fires, when they were down to embers. She was incredibly intelligent, she kept her weekly scrabble club and everyone who loved her, on their toes.

Those who were blessed enough to witness her fight to survive, and her ability to overcome and thrive despite hardship looked to her with awe. Her strength and determination were unparalleled. She walked through life with courage, grace, and a healthy dose of sass.

She had a mind like a steel trap. She kept track of everyone’s families, pasts, triumphs, heartbreaks, current events, and always kept that secret you told her that one time. She loved large family gatherings surrounded by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She had many treasured friends; she was an active participant throughout her life in many social outings, events, and clubs like the Red Hat Chicks. She enjoyed playing Trivial Pursuit and Dominoes and board games. She knew the best part of all of those games was when the whole table got to laughing so hard they could barely breathe. Everyone left feeling lighter with gratitude for each other in their hearts.

Carol is survived by her five daughters; Rita Barrett, Joanne Boulais, Sheila Paindiris (Peter), Maura Hackett (Bill), and Katie DeHart (Eric), grandchildren; Alissa Barrett, Mariah Jouvier (Gary), Savannah Barrett, Shane Boulais (Erin), Mollie Boulais, Myranda Laska, Alexandra Paindiris (Sean), Evan Paindiris, Kaleigh Hackett (Jonny), Valerie Hackett, Tori Hackett (Cesar), Riley Hackett, Joshua DeHart, and Emily DeHart, great-grandchildren; Graidy Cullen, Connor and Elizabeth Boulais, Malcolm and Warren Jouvier, Emma Branco, and soon to arrive Baby Frower.

A Memorial Visitation will be held at Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home on Saturday, August 20, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers, a donation in her honor may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America ([lupus.org](http://lupus.org)), or the American Heart Association ([heart.org](http://heart.org)). Online condolences may be made at [www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com](http://www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com).

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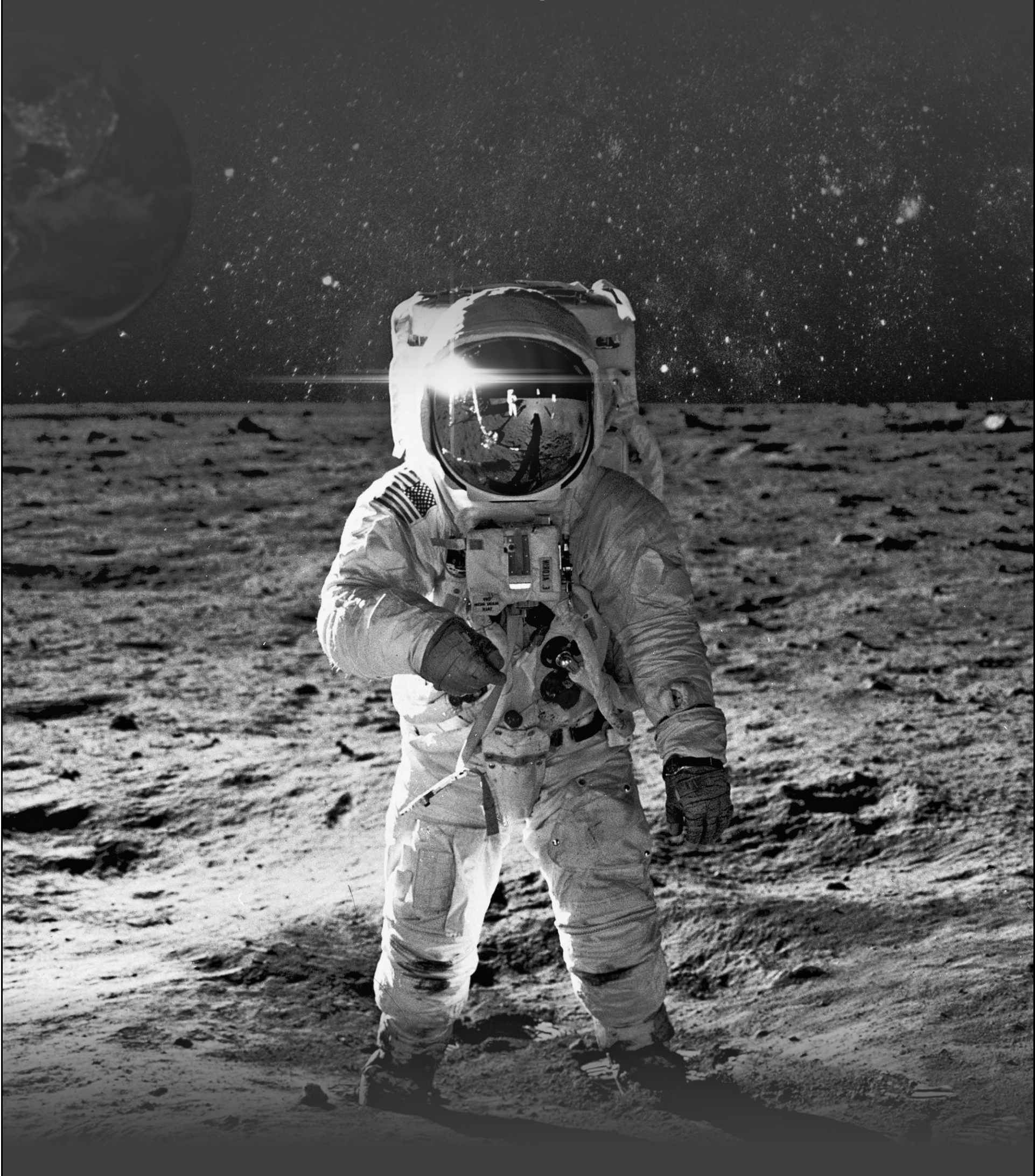
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RED SOX

## Wacha puts finishing touch on Sox's big weekend

By Jason Mastrodonato  
Boston Herald

BOSTON — After an entire season spent chasing their counterparts in the American League East without winning a multi-game series, the Red Sox put it all together for their best weekend of the year.

Michael Wacha returned from the injured list and held the league's best offense scoreless through seven innings on Sunday night, and the Red Sox rode his performance to a convincing 3-0 win over the powerhouse Yankees.

"I can't remember coming back feeling like that in sync right off the bat," Wacha said. "It was a good feeling tonight for sure."

It capped off a huge series win at Fenway Park this weekend, when the Sox took two of three and held the Yankees to just five runs.

All year long, the Sox have argued that their feeble performances against divisional competition didn't matter. But it's precisely why they're at the bottom of the standings right now; they entered the series 0-11-1 in multigame series against AL East foes.

Still, the Sox are 4½ games back of a wild-card spot with three teams in front of them.

"Most definitely we have a chance," Wacha said. "Everyone in this clubhouse believes we're still in this thing, and we really are. A lot can happen in these last 50 games, and that's the mentality we've got coming out and keep winning series and keep that momentum going and who knows, make a little run at this thing and get us in."

Finally, this team put together a full series of quality pitching performances.

Pitching with nothing on his fastball Friday night, Nathan Eovaldi held the Yankees to two runs in a 3-2 win. Kutter Crawford kept the momentum going Saturday with six innings of two-run ball. And while John Schreiber allowed a run on a bunt single to lose Saturday's game 3-2, the bullpen allowed just one run over eight innings of work this weekend.

Wacha's performance stood out above the rest.

Before shoulder inflammation sent him to the injured list for the entire month of July and first two weeks of August, Wacha had quietly been the ace of the staff.

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YANKEES

## Boone not overly concerned about offensive struggles

By Kristie Ackert  
New York Daily News

The Yankees were optimistic they would see Giancarlo Stanton on the field Monday. The slugger, who has missed 18 games with left Achilles tendinitis, will be a welcome sight for a team coming off a 2-7 road trip that featured their mighty lineup getting shut out three times.

But Stanton was only there to work out before the Yankees started a four-game series with the Rays in the Bronx to see how his injured leg feels — but he's still at least days away from being back in the Bombers lineup.

Since Stanton went on the injured list July 24, the Yankees have gone 7-11. Their offense, which is still second in the majors in OPS and runs scored, has been inconsistent lately, and that has been in part because of players such as Stanton being out.

"It's going to happen over a long haul," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said after the Yankees were shut out Sunday by the Red Sox to end the nine-game trip. "We've got some guys banged up, obviously some guys in and out. I think I try and take a bigger snapshot look, and the offense has been going pretty solid. You're going to have these games where you struggle a little bit. Obviously, a couple guys out of line up, beat up a little bit and

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WNBA PLAYOFFS PREVIEW



Sun center Brionna Jones looks to shoot against Wings center Teaira McCowan on July 5 in Arlington, Texas. The Wings won the season series 2-1. The teams meet again in a best-of-three first-round playoff series. **LM OTERO/AP**

# LOOKING OUT FOR NO. 1

Sun players 'having fun' as they strive for 1st title in franchise history

By Lila Bromberg  
Hartford Courant

The WNBA playoffs are nearly underway for the Connecticut Sun as they look to capture their first championship in franchise history.

"We feel like we're clicking. We're having fun out there," Brionna Jones said after the last game of the regular season on Sunday. "I think we're going to bring that momentum and that energy into the playoffs, and we're looking forward to getting started and getting back out there."

The Sun earned the No. 3 seed in the post-season after finishing the regular season with a 25-11 record. They will face the No. 6 Dallas Wings (18-18) in the first round in a best-of-three series — a new format for the league that moves away from byes and single elimination games in the first two rounds.

Connecticut will host the first two contests, starting with an 8 p.m. tipoff on Thursday at Mohegan Sun Arena. The second game will be played on Sunday at noon, and if a third game is necessary it will be played in Texas on Aug. 24.

Here are five things to know about the Connecticut Sun ahead of the playoffs:

### 1. Dominant post play leads the way

The Sun have been led by their All-Star



Sun forward Alyssa Thomas, left, steals the ball from Storm guard Sue Bird in a game July 28. Thomas averages 1.7 assists per game. **SEAN D. ELLIOT/AP**

post trio of Alyssa Thomas, Jonquel Jones and Brionna Jones all season. The three players combined for 41.8 points and 21.9 rebounds per game, accounting for 48.7% and 59% of Connecticut's total production in those respective categories.

Thomas averaged 13.4 points, 8.2 rebounds,

### First round, Game 1

**Wings at Sun**, 8 p.m. Thursday, ESPN  
■ More on the playoffs. **Page 6**

6.1 assists and 1.7 steals per game in the regular season, the latter three of which all rank top five in the WNBA. Jonquel Jones recorded 14.6 points, 8.6 rebounds and 1.8 assists per game, while Brionna Jones averaged 13.8 points, 5.1 rebounds and 1.2 assists per game.

Brionna Jones has come off the bench for most of the season, often as the first substitution for Jonquel Jones, who starts alongside Thomas. But the Sun are at their best when the two Joneses play together. Connecticut has outscored opponents by 19.7 points per 100 possessions when they're on the court together, which is the best of any duo in the WNBA this season, according to Her Hoop Stats. The Sun are almost always better with Thomas and her competitive energy in the game, too. As such, limiting foul trouble and getting the post trio on the floor together as much as possible will be key throughout the playoffs.

### 2. Pivot to win it

If there's one word Sun head coach and general manager Curt Miller has turned to

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MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

# 'The joy is just different'



Formerly the head baseball coach and dean of discipline at New Britain High, Roberto Mercado has transitioned to minor league managing with the Aberdeen IronBirds. **DOM AMORE/HARTFORD COURANT**

## New Britain's Mercado living his dream in new adventure as manager with Orioles affiliate

By Dom Amore  
Hartford Courant

WAPPINGERS FALLS, N.Y. — Roberto Mercado is first off the bus and into the ballpark, his fungo bat is on his right shoulder, his glove hanging from barrel end. He's wearing a bright orange Orioles T-shirt, an O's cap and the smile on his face is that of a 12-year-old boy staring straight ahead at a summer day of baseball with no chores.

"The joy is just different in his face," Mercado's wife, Samantha, says. "He has always loved what he was doing. He loves coaching, whether it was high school or on the Cape, but the joy on his face that he gets to wake up and basi-

### Inside

Yard Goats hosting New Hampshire; fans to get first look at top prospect Zac Veen. **Page 5**

cally not work is just so exciting to watch. It's just really special to watch him fulfill a dream he has always had."

It has been such a summer for Mercado, 43. When he reported four hours before a game last week at Dutchess Stadium, he was actually well into his workday, which began with a hitters meeting in the lobby of the Aberdeen Iron-Birds' hotel. There, two symbolic "barrels" were given out, miniature bat keychains he buys in bulk on eBay and hands out whenever a batter hits a ball at 95 mph off the bat and with at least a 10-to-35 degree upward angle.

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

**Patriots:** Preseason: Panthers, Friday, 7 p.m.  
**Giants:** Preseason: Bengals, Sunday, 7 p.m.  
**Jets:** Preseason: Falcons, Monday, 8 p.m.  
**Red Sox:** at Pirates, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Pirates, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Pirates, Thursday, 7 p.m.  
**Yankees:** Rays, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Rays, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Blue Jays, Thursday, 7 p.m.  
**Mets:** at Atlanta, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Atlanta, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Atlanta, Thursday, 7 p.m.  
**Yard Goats:** New Hampshire, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; New Hampshire, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; New Hampshire, Thursday, 7 p.m.  
**Sun:** WNBA First Round vs. Dallas (Game 1), Thursday, 8 p.m.; WNBA First Round vs. Dallas (Game 2), Sunday, noon; WNBA First Round at Dallas (Game 3, if necessary), August 24, time TBD  
**Hartford Athletic:** Miami, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Tulsa, August 24, 8:30 p.m.; at New York, August 31, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO  
BASEBALL

**2 p.m.:** Baseball Factory All America. (Live) ESPN  
**7 p.m.:** American Legion World Series Championship. (Live) ESPN  
**7 p.m.:** Red Sox at Pirates. (Live) NESN. Radio: 1080  
**7 p.m.:** Rays at Yankees. (Live) TBS Amazon Prime. Radio: 97.9  
**7 p.m.:** Mets at Braves. (Live) SNY. Radio: 880  
**9:30 p.m.:** Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB  
**SOCCER**  
**Noon:** Amos Women's French Cup Bayern Munich vs FC Barcelona. (Live) CBSSN  
**3 p.m.:** Amos Women's French Cup Paris Saint Germain vs Manchester United. (Live) CBSSN  
**6:55 p.m.:** FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Mexico vs Germany. (Live) FS1  
**9:50 p.m.:** FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Brazil vs Costa Rica. (Live) FS1  
**TENNIS**  
**11 a.m.:** ATP/WTa Cincinnati - Early Rounds. (Live) TENNIS

LOCAL AMATEUR BASEBALL

CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE

MONDAY'S RESULTS

CTL **Playoffs**—At Muzzy Field, Bristol  
Winner's **Bracket**—Final  
**NO. 3 ROCKIES VS. NO. 1 BLACK SOX, LATE**  
Elimination **Bracket**—Semifinal  
**NO. 7 DODGERS VS. NO. 4 AFTERSHOCK, LATE**

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

CTL **Playoffs**—At Muzzy Field, Bristol  
Elimination **Bracket**—Final  
Dodgers/Aftershock winner vs. Rockies/Black Sox loser, 6p.m.  
**Championship**—Game 1 (best of-3)  
Elimination Bracket Final winner vs. Rockies/Black Sox winner, 8p.m.

GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE

SUNDAY'S LATE RESULT

GHTL **Playoffs**—Double Elimination  
Elimination **Bracket**—Final (at Palmer Field, Middletown)  
**NO. 4 PEOPLE'S VS. NO. 2 JETS, LATE**  
**JETS 5, PEOPLE'S 2**

MONDAY'S RESULT

GHTL **Playoffs**—Championship (Game 1)  
At Palmer Field, Middletown  
**NO. 3 ORIOLES VS. NO. 2 JETS, LATE**

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

GHTL **Playoffs**—Championship (Game 2, if necessary))  
At Palmer Field, Middletown  
No. 3Orioles vs. No. 2Jets, 7p.m.

EASTERN LEAGUE

Standings				
Northeast	W	L	PCT	GB
Somerset	66	41	.617	—
Hartford	63	44	.589	3
Portland	54	54	.500	12.5
Reading	48	60	.444	18.5
New Hampshire	47	61	.435	19.5
Binghamton	40	67	.374	26
Southwest	W	L	PCT	GB
Erie	66	41	.617	—
Akron	60	47	.561	6
Altoona	53	55	.491	13.5
Bowie	53	55	.491	13.5
Richmond	52	55	.486	14
Harrisburg	43	65	.398	23.5

SUNDAY'S LATE RESULT

SOMERSET 10, HARTFORD 1

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Harrisburg at Altoona, 6p.m.  
Akron at Erie, 6p.m.  
Binghamton at Richmond, 6:30p.m.  
Somerset at Bowie, 6:30p.m.  
New Hampshire at Hartford, 7p.m.  
Portland at Reading, 7p.m.

SUNDAY'S LATE YARD GOATS

BOX SCORE				
PATRIOTS 10, YARD GOATS 1				
Hartford	AB	R	H	BI
Stovall, ss	4	0	0	0
Veen, rf	4	0	2	0
Lavigne, 1b	4	0	0	0
Schunk, 3b	3	1	1	0
Montano, lf	4	0	1	0
Datres, dh	4	0	1	0
Hill, cf	4	0	0	0
Cope, c	3	0	1	0

Collins, 2b	3	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
Somerset	AB	R	H	BI
Volpe, ss	3	1	0	1
Pereira, cf	4	1	2	1
Wells, dh	3	2	2	2
Dunham, rf	5	2	3	4
Chaparro, 3b	4	1	2	2
Lockridge, lf	4	0	0	0
Bastidas, 2b	2	1	0	0
Durán, c	4	0	0	0
Wagaman, 1b	4	2	2	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>

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**Somerset** 330 004 00x—10-11-1

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**Hartford** IP H R ER BB SO ERA  
Locey (L, 0-5) 1.2 5 6 6 1 1 14.51  
Gaddis 1.1 2 0 0 0 0 4.78  
Elthridge 2.1 3 4 4 1 5.68  
Biddy 1.2 1 0 0 0 3 2.62  
Schilling 1 0 0 0 1 1 10.20  
**Somerset** IP H R ER BB SO ERA  
Vasquez (W, 1-4) 5 5 1 0 0 6 3.77  
Loseke 1 0 0 0 1 0 3.02  
Myatt 1 0 0 0 0 2 6.75  
Coward 1 1 0 0 0 1 6.43  
Ramirez 1 0 0 0 0 2 1.52  
**Umpires:** Trzeciak, Acosta, Mandzuk.  
**Time:** 2:35. Att.: 4,526.

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Standings				
Eastern	W	L	T	Pts
Louisville	16	3	4	52
Memphis	15	5	3	48
Tampa Bay	14	4	6	48
Birmingham	13	6	5	44
Pittsburgh	13	7	4	43
Miami	10	8	7	37
Detroit	9	5	9	36
Tulsa	8	12	4	28
Indy	6	13	4	22
Hartford	5	14	5	20
Loudoun	5	15	3	18
Atlanta	4	18	4	16
Charleston	4	16	4	16
New York	3	18	3	12
Western	W	L	T	Pts
San Antonio	18	4	2	56
San Diego	15	6	4	49
Colorado Springs	13	8	3	42
New Mexico	10	5	9	39
Sacramento	10	6	7	37
El Paso	9	10	7	34
Las Vegas	9	9	6	33
Los Angeles	9	11	5	32
Oakland	6	7	12	30
Phoenix	8	11	5	29
Monterey Bay	9	12	2	29
Orange County	6	10	8	26
Rio Grande	7	11	5	26

SATURDAY'S LATE RESULTS

**HARTFORD 2, INDY 1**  
**MEMPHIS 2, PITTSBURGH 0**  
**MIAMI 2, ATLANTA 0**  
**OAKLAND 1, DETROIT 1**  
**LOUISVILLE 1, TAMPA BAY 0**  
**BIRMINGHAM 1, SAN DIEGO 0**  
**SAN ANTONIO 2, LAS VEGAS 0**  
**MONTEREY BAY 1, SACRAMENTO 0**

SUNDAY'S LATE RESULT

NEW MEXICO 2, LOS ANGELES 2

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Birmingham at Detroit, 8p.m.  
New Mexico at Memphis, 9p.m.  
Orange at Las Vegas, 10p.m.  
Sacramento at Colorado Springs, 11p.m.

JETS

Saleh turns to Flacco, 37, with Wilson sidelined

By Dennis Waszak Jr.  
Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — There are moments — and they seem to be increasing by the year — when Joe Flacco knows his teammates are laughing at him.

Not for anything he's doing on the field. But the New York Jets quarterback is 37 years old, and that's practically ancient when you consider he's on a roster filled with guys who were still learning how to add, subtract and read when he was starting his NFL career.

"I don't view myself as an old person," Flacco said with a smile. "But every now and then, when these guys come up to you and say something to you, I'm like, 'Oh, OK, you think I'm like 50 years old. I've got it.' "

Still a kid at heart with the arm of a youngster, Flacco is the Jets' starting quarterback while New York awaits the results of Zach Wilson's arthroscopic knee surgery Tuesday in Los Angeles. Wilson is expected to miss two to four weeks with a torn meniscus and bone bruise in his right

knee, but it could be more if doctors discover additional damage.

While it's possible Wilson will be playing in the opener Sept. 11 against Baltimore, it would seem more likely that Flacco is under center against the Ravens — his old team — and perhaps a few opponents beyond. It all depends on Wilson's knee.

Until then, Flacco is preparing just as he always has.

"I'm happy with what I'm doing, and I love helping out a young guy and playing my role on this team," Flacco said. "But I wouldn't be doing this if I didn't have the desire to still be really good at what I do and didn't still believe that I could still play this game."

Coach Robert Saleh has raved about Flacco since the Jets re-signed him in March to be Wilson's backup. Saleh has run down the list of accomplishments, which include winning the Super Bowl and the game's MVP award to cap the 2012 season with the Ravens. He has thrown for 41,269 yards and 227 touchdowns in his 14 NFL seasons.

Flacco has been a starter and, at one

time, the highest-paid quarterback in league history. He also has been a backup and mentor. Now, he needs to be a starter again, at least for the next few weeks — and possibly the start of this season.

"He's a veteran," Saleh said, "and I just expect him to approach it like he has his entire career."

Flacco realizes he's part of an older generation of players — especially in his own locker room. After all, Wilson is 23. Cornerback Sauce Gardner, the Jets' top draft pick in April, is a mere 21. There are only eight players out of 90 even in their 30s, with Flacco topping the list — and newly signed left tackle Duane Brown right behind him, with his 37th birthday on Aug. 30.

"Every now and then, you think about the fact that I'm the oldest person in the room and it's tough to wrap my head around because when you're in the locker room and around a bunch of ... I mean, Sauce is like 20 or 21 years old," Flacco said. "I view myself as 25, 26 at max, so it's just one of those things you just get used to it and you develop relationships and all that other stuff just goes out of the window."



Red Sox right-hander Michael Wacha held the Yankees to two hits and one walk in seven scoreless innings Sunday night at Fenway Park, striking out nine. **BRIAN FLUHARTY/GETTY**

Sox

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After six weeks of rest and rehab, Wacha returned to the team just in time for a game on ESPN's "Sunday Night Baseball" and a chance to gain some momentum ahead of Monday's off day.

With a mid-90s fastball and a changeup that's looking like one of the best pitches in baseball this year, Wacha was just as effective Sunday as he was before the injury.

It wasn't until there were two outs in the fifth inning that Miguel Andujar singled to give the Yankees their first baserunner of the night.

Andrew Benintendi added a one-out single in the sixth, then Wacha struck out Aaron Judge and Josh Donaldson on a pair of 95 mph heaters.

After a scoreless seventh, Wacha walked off the mound to a standing ovation and quickly received hugs in the dugout, where manager Alex Cora told him his night was finished.

It was everything the Red Sox needed as Wacha finished seven scoreless innings, allowing just a pair of singles and one walk, striking out nine.

It was the most strikeouts by a Sox pitcher since June 19, when Nick Pivetta was in a groove and struck out 10 against the Cardinals.

Other than an 11-start stretch by Pivetta in which he went 8-1 with a 1.95 ERA over a stretch from May 7 through June 29, Wacha has offered the only glimpse of ace-like behavior.

Evoldi has been consistent for most of the season until he returned from the injured list with 3 mph off his fastball. Pivetta has since come back to earth. Chris

Sale is out for the season. And while Crawford has looked good over the last month, there's been a clear lack of presence at the top of this rotation.

Wacha could change that.

He had the Yankees guessing as he threw a heavy dose of fastballs and changeups, throwing just eight breaking balls.

Why bother? His fastball only averaged 94 mph, but he was sinking it down and cutting it away, then confusing hitters with a wipeout changeup that nobody's been able to touch this year.

Entering Sunday night, Wacha had thrown 347 changeups this year and allowed just one home run. Batters are hitting .157 off the pitch.

Sunday, he threw 21 changeups, and 15 were swung at — 10 of them whiffs.

"The changeup was outstanding, kept them off balance from the get-go," Cora said. "He had a good breaking ball. That was impressive."

All Wacha needed Sunday was an RBI groundout by Xander Bogaerts in the first inning. Rafael Devers added a two-run homer in the sixth. Tommy Pham was 3 for 4.

A former first-round draft pick by the Cardinals who was a highly-touted prospect more than a decade ago, Wacha is now 31 years old and pitching on a one-year, \$7 million contract that is looking like a bargain for Chaim Bloom's Red Sox.

Wacha improved to 7-1 with a 2.44 ERA this year. With him on the mound, the Sox are 10-4. Without him, they're 47-55.

They're not back in the playoff race just yet, but with an ace at the top of the rotation, they at least have a chance.

"You see his numbers. He was really good for us early on," Cora said. "He was one of the reasons we were playing good baseball. To have him back means a lot."

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time and time again this season, it's "pivot." A season filled with unexpected obstacles has Connecticut feeling confident and battle-tested entering the playoffs.

Miller knew finding the right combination of lineups to best utilize his talented roster would be a challenge entering the season, especially since four of his best players — Thomas, Jonquel Jones, Brionna Jones and DeWanna Bonner — are 6 feet 2 or taller. Players missing large chunks of training camp due to overseas commitments, which also had Bonner out for the first two games of the season, meant finding that rhythm would take time and tinkering.

But then everything changed when starting veteran point guard and team leader Jasmine Thomas tore an ACL six games into the season on May 22. Fourth-year pro Natisha Hiedeman stepped in as the starter from there. Miller tried experimenting with Alyssa Thomas alongside the Joneses, Bonner and Courtney Williams, but ultimately went away from it. It seemed as if the team had found the key veteran point guard presence it needed when it signed former UConn guard Bria Hartley on July 18, but she tore an ACL a little over a week later. The

Sun have found a fit they like with guard Odyssey Sims since then.

This season has also featured issues with COVID-19. Jonquel Jones missed three games in July, and Miller and his longtime assistant Brandi Poole were also out multiple games. Miller has also had to miss time to support his family through his mother's death. All in a condensed 36-game season.

"Just a whole bunch of stuff got thrown at us, and we handled it," Hiedeman said. "And I think that's the difference from any other year that I've been here is sometimes when adversity would come we wouldn't know how to handle it. And now we've got all the right pieces. We're all in it together, and I think we have really good momentum going into the playoffs. The energy is great, the confidence with everybody is amazing, and that's what you need come playoff time."

3. The development of Natisha Hiedeman has been key storyline

The emergence of Hiedeman has been huge for the Sun this season. Since stepping into the starting point guard spot unexpectedly, she's learned to lead the offense and manage getting everyone the touches they need.

In the process, Hiedeman averaged career bests in points (9.1 per

game), assists (3.3 per game) and minutes (25 per game) this regular season. She's proved to be the team's most reliable 3-point shooter, making 41.1% of her attempts from deep, which ranks fifth in the WNBA. The 5-foot-8 guard has made at least three 3-pointers in 10 games this season as well. The Sun are 9-1 in in those contests, with the sole loss coming to the top-seeded Las Vegas Aces on July 17.

"The key for us is guard efficiency in the playoffs, and Natisha's ability to make 3s is huge for us," Miller said after the last game of the regular season. "If she plays well, that bodes well for us. She can really shoot it. She helps stretch the floor. That gets bigger gaps for our dominant post game."

4. Here's what awaits in first round vs. Dallas

The Sun will have to defeat the Dallas Wings in a best-of-three series to advance past the first round. The Wings have a 2-1 edge in the regular season series, but there's a lot more to that than meets the eye.

Connecticut lost its first matchup with the Wings at home on May 24, 85-77. But the Sun would have likely lost that day regardless of the opponent; it was the first game following Jasmine Thomas' injury, and the team didn't have any practice time to prepare to play without its

veteran leader. The Sun often looked lost on offense without her presence and shot just 39.7% from the field — their second-worst shooting mark of the season. However, in a rematch less than two days later on May 26, Connecticut stormed past Dallas for a 99-68 blowout victory. The last matchup between the two teams came over a month ago on July 5. In the midst of a slump that saw them lack their normal energy and intensity as they lost four of their last six games entering the All-Star break, the Sun dropped a 82-71 result on the road.

Those circumstances are important to keep in mind when previewing this first-round series. Also of note: Wings star guard Arike Ogunbowale will miss the first round of the playoffs with a hip injury. She underwent an iliac crest core muscle avulsion repair earlier this month. She averaged 17.3 points, 2.7 assists and 2.3 rebounds against the Sun this season. But a tough matchup awaits regardless, and the Wings are sure to be motivated to earn their first playoff win since the franchise moved to Texas.

5. Path to the Finals likely means getting past troublesome Sky

If Connecticut gets past the first round, it'll face the winner of the series between the No. 2 Chicago Sky

(26-10) and No. 7 New York Liberty (16-20) in the semifinals. That's likely to be the Sky, given they are 3-1 in regular-season matchups against the Liberty and have been dominant all season. They're even better against the Sun, defeating them in all four meetings this year. In fact, Connecticut has dropped its last six games against Chicago, dating back to the 2021 semifinals, when the Sky took the series 3-1 and went on to win the championship.

Each of the four games between the two teams this season has been decided by eight points or less, with three decided by four points or less. The Sun led or tied in the fourth quarter or overtime of those three games, but couldn't put the Sky away when it mattered most. The same was true in two of the semifinal losses last year, as Connecticut was up two points with the shot clock off in the fourth quarter of Game 1 and missed a layup in the final seconds of Game 3, which Miller has mentioned several times this year. If the Sun want a shot at a championship this time around, they'll need to find a way to get past Chicago in late-game situations.

"Last year was a disappointment," Miller said. "Everything in this league is so razor thin. ... We look forward to putting ourselves back in that position. And we have a lot of experience in the playoffs over the last six years that we feel like this team is ready for the challenges ahead."



# BASEBALL

# AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	72	43	.626	—	—	2-8	L-1	41-15	31-28
Toronto	61	52	.540	10	+1	3-7	L-1	35-23	26-29
Tampa Bay	60	53	.531	11	—	6-4	W-2	35-22	25-31
Baltimore	59	55	.518	12 ½	1 ½	6-4	L-2	33-21	26-34
Boston	57	59	.491	15 ½	4 ½	4-6	W-1	29-30	28-29

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	62	53	.539	—	—	8-2	W-2	30-22	32-31
Chicago	59	56	.513	3	2	6-4	W-3	28-29	31-27
Minnesota	58	55	.513	3	2	4-6	L-2	31-25	27-30
Kansas City	48	68	.414	14 ½	13 ½	6-4	W-1	29-34	19-34
Detroit	43	74	.368	20	19	1-9	L-8	26-33	17-41

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	75	41	.647	—	—	7-3	W-4	39-18	36-23
Seattle	62	54	.534	13	+ ½	5-5	L-2	31-26	31-28
Texas	51	63	.447	23	9 ½	5-5	W-2	25-32	26-31
Los Angeles	51	64	.443	23 ½	10	7-3	W-2	26-33	25-31
Oakland	41	74	.357	33 ½	20	2-8	L-8	17-38	24-36

## BOX SCORES

### SUNDAY'S RESULT

#### TAMPA BAY 4, BALTIMORE 1

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Mullins cf	4	0	0	0	3	.264
Rutschman c	4	0	0	0	1	.246
Santander dh	3	0	0	0	1	.261
Urias 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.244
Odrz 2b	3	0	0	0	2	.206
Hays lf	3	0	0	0	1	.258
Mateo ss	3	1	1	0	0	.231
Nevin 1b	2	0	0	0	0	.201
a-Vavra ph	1	0	0	0	0	.313
Phillips rf	3	0	0	0	1	.145
TOTALS	29	1	1	0	9	
Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Choi 1b	4	0	0	0	3	.242
Diaz 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.271
Arozarena dh	4	1	1	3	1	.258
Peralta lf	3	0	1	1	1	.282
Mejia c	4	0	2	0	1	.265
Raley 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.213
L.Raley rf	3	0	1	0	2	.197
Siri cf	3	1	0	1	1	.189
Walls ss	3	2	2	0	0	.177
TOTALS	31	4	8	4	11	

Baltimore	000	000	001	—	1	0
Tampa Bay	003	010	00x	—	4	8

a-grounded out for Nevin in the 9th.  
**L0B:** Baltimore 1, Tampa Bay 5.  
**2B:** Mateo (18), Walls (14), Mejia (15).  
**HR:** Arozarena (15), off Lyles.  
**RBI:** Arozarena 3(58), Peralta (4).  
**Runners left in scoring position:** Baltimore 1(Rutschman); Tampa Bay 2(Siri, Mejia).  
**RISP:** Baltimore 0for 2; Tampa Bay 2 for 9.  
**Runners moved up:** Vavra.  
**DP:** Baltimore 1(Mullins, Nevin, Mullins).

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lyles, L 9-9	4⅓	5	4	4	2	9	4.48
Krehbiel	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.40
Akin	2	1	0	0	0	2	2.63
Gillaspie	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	4.09
TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rasmussen, W, 7-48⅓	1	1	1	0	0	7	2.80
Adam, S, 6-7	⅔	0	0	0	0	2	1.19
<b>Pitches-Strikes:</b> Lyles 87-54; Krehbiel 17-12; Akin 26-18; Gillaspie 7-6; Rasmussen 87-62; Adam 8-7.							
<b>Ground Balls-Fly Balls:</b> Lyles 2-4; Krehbiel 2-0; Akin 4-0; Gillaspie 0-1; Rasmussen 10-6; Adam 0-0.							
<b>Batters Faced:</b> Lyles 20; Krehbiel 4; Akin 7; Gillaspie 2; Rasmussen 27; Adam 2.							
<b>Inherited runners-scored:</b> Krehbiel 2-1, Adam 1-0. <b>WP:</b> Rasmussen(2). <b>Umpires:</b> Home, Bill Welke; First, Junior Valentine; Second, Gabe Morales; Third, Andy Fletcher.							
<b>Time:</b> 2:37. <b>A:</b> 18,093(25,000).							

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lyles, L 9-9	4⅓	5	4	4	2	9	4.48
Krehbiel	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.40
Akin	2	1	0	0	0	2	2.63
Gillaspie	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	4.09
TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rasmussen, W, 7-48⅓	1	1	1	0	0	7	2.80
Adam, S, 6-7	⅔	0	0	0	0	2	1.19

**Pitches-Strikes:** Lyles 87-54; Krehbiel 17-12; Akin 26-18; Gillaspie 7-6; Rasmussen 87-62; Adam 8-7.  
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**Batters Faced:** Lyles 20; Krehbiel 4; Akin 7; Gillaspie 2; Rasmussen 27; Adam 2.  
**Inherited runners-scored:** Krehbiel 2-1, Adam 1-0. **WP:** Rasmussen(2). **Umpires:** Home, Bill Welke; First, Junior Valentine; Second, Gabe Morales; Third, Andy Fletcher.  
**Time:** 2:37. **A:** 18,093(25,000).

### LATE SUNDAY: SAN FRANCISCO 8, PITTSBURGH 7

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Newman 2b	3	2	2	0	1	.265
Godoy c	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Reynolds dh	4	3	3	5	0	.259
Chavis 1b	5	0	1	0	1	.245
Gamel rf	4	0	0	1	3	.236
Castro 3b	0	0	0	0	2	.239
Cruz ss	5	0	0	0	4	.200
Allen cf	4	0	0	0	2	.183
Marcano lf	4	0	1	0	1	.234
Delay c	2	2	2	0	0	.269
b-VanMeter 2b	1	0	0	0	1	.189
TOTALS	37	7	11	6	15	
San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Wade Jr. rf-lf	5	1	1	3	2	.200
Pederson lf	2	1	0	0	1	.249
Slater cf	1	0	0	0	0	.262
Flores 3b-1b	4	1	3	1	0	.258
Belt 1b	3	0	1	0	1	.227
a-Longoria 3b	2	0	1	0	0	.244
l-Davis pr	0	0	0	0	0	.246
Yatzrmski cf-rf	4	1	0	0	2	.220
Estrada 2b	5	1	2	2	2	.268
Crawford ss	3	1	2	1	0	.221
La Stella dh	4	1	1	1	0	.254
Bart c	4	1	2	0	0	.221
TOTALS	37	8	13	8	8	

Pittsburgh	000	030	301	—	7	11	0
San Francisco	040	100	102	—	8	13	1

One out when winning run scored.  
a-lined out for Belt in the 7th. b-struck out for Delray in the 8th. l-ran for a-Longoria in the 9th. e-Longoria (4).  
**L0B:** Pittsburgh 8, San Francisco 9.  
**2B:** Newman (13), Reynolds (14), La Stella (14), Flores (22), Crawford (12).  
**HR:** Reynolds (17), off Brebbia; Wade Jr. (7), off Thompson; Estrada (11), off Crowe. **RBI:** Reynolds 5(40), Gamel (30), La Stella (12), Wade Jr. 3(21), Flores (58), Crawford (35), Estrada 2 (47). **SB:** Estrada (16). **Runners left in scoring position:** Pittsburgh 5(Allen, Reynolds 2, Cruz, Castro); San Francisco 5(Vastrzemski, La Stella 3, Belt). **RISP:** Pittsburgh 3for 12; San Francisco 3for 9. **Runners moved up:** Chavis 2, Gamel. **GIDP:** Slater. **DP:** Pittsburgh 1 (Castro, Newman, Chavis).

PITTSBURGH	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Thompson	4	7	5	5	2	5	5.34
Banuelos	1	1	0	0	0	2	4.38
Holderman	1	2	1	0	1	1	1.73
Stout, BS, 1-2	1	1	0	0	1	0	2.84
Crowe, L, 4-7	⅔	2	2	2	1	0	2.34
SAN FRANCISCO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wood	6	5	3	3	1	9	4.18
brebbia, BS, 0-2	0	3	3	3	1	0	2.90
Garcia	⅔	1	0	0	0	3	2.86
Leone	⅔	0	0	0	0	2	4.28
Doval, W, 4-5	1	2	1	0	1	1	2.76
Brebbia pitched to 4batters in the 1-1 Inherited runners-scored: Stout 1-1, Garcia 1-0. <b>HBP:</b> Wood 2 (Reynolds, Newman). <b>Thompson</b> (Pederson). <b>Umpires:</b> Home, Chris Gueccione; First, Dan Merzel; Second, Jeremie Rehak; Third, Quinn Wolcott.							
<b>Time:</b> 3:26. <b>A:</b> 36,471(41,915).							

NY YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Tailon, L, 11-3	7	6	3	3	0	4	3.95
Loaisiga	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.31
BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wacha, W, 7-1	7	2	0	0	1	9	2.44
Brasier, H, 8-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5.20
Whitlock, S, 4-5	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.98

**Pitches-Strikes:** Tailon 93-59; Loaisiga 9-5; Wacha 89-59; Brasier 13-9; Whitlock 15-11.  
**Ground Balls-Fly Balls:** Tailon 11-3; Loaisiga 2-0; Wacha 7-3; Brasier 1-0; Whitlock 1-0.  
**Batters Faced:** Tailon 26; Loaisiga 3; Wacha 24; Brasier 3; Whitlock 3.  
**Umpires:** Home, Ryan Additon; First, Mark Wegner; Second, Mark Carlson; Third, Jordan Baker.  
**Time:** 2:15. **A:** 36,581(37,755).

**1987** - New York's Darryl Strawberry drove in five runs with four extra-base hits to lead the Mets to a 23-10 rout of the Cubs at Wrigley Field.  
**1989** - Tom Drees pitched his third no-hitter of the season for AAA Vancouver, beating Las Vegas, 5-0, in the 7-inning opener of a doubleheader. He had consecutive 1-0 no-hitters, beating Calgary in nine innings (May 23) and Edmonton in seven (May 28).  
**1996** - With 23,699 fans at the 25,644-seat Estadio Monterrey, the San Diego Padres defeated the New York Mets 15-10 in the first major league regular-season game played outside the United States or Canada.  
**2011** - Albert Pujols of St. Louis reached 30 home runs for the 11th consecutive season in a 5-4, 1-inning loss to Pittsburgh.  
**2013** - Grant Holman of Chula Vista, Calif. struck out 13 and became the first player to toss a no-hitter in the Little League World Series since the 85-pitch rule was put in place in 2007.  
**2018** - Jose Bautista hit a grand slam and had a career-high seven RBIs and the New York Mets set a franchise record for runs, forcing the Phillies to use two position players for the final three innings of a 24-4 victory in the first game of a doubleheader.

# NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	75	40	.652	—	—	8-2	W-2	40-19	35-21
Atlanta	70	46	.603	5 ½	+6	7-3	W-6	37-22	33-24
Philadelphia	63	51	.553	11 ½	—	7-3	L-2	32-26	31-25
Miami	50	65	.435	25	13 ½	2-8	L-4	23-32	27-33
Washington	38	78	.328	37 ½	26	2-8	L-1	18-42	20-36

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
St. Louis	63	51	.553	—	—	7-3	W-1	37-21	26-30
Milwaukee	61	52	.540	1 ½	1 ½	4-6	L-1	29-22	32-30
Chicago	47	66	.416	15 ½	15 ½	6-4	L-1	24-34	23-32
Cincinnati	45	68	.398	17 ½	17 ½	3-7	W-1	25-34	20-34
Pittsburgh	45	70	.391	18 ½	18 ½	2-8	L-4	24-29	21-41

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	79	34	.699	—	—	9-1	L-1	40-15	39-19
San Diego	65	52	.556	16	+ ½	4-6	W-1	33-24	32-28
San Francisco	57	57	.500	22 ½	6	6-4	W-3	32-27	25-30
Arizona	53	61	.465	26 ½	10	7-3	W-2	32-29	21-32
Colorado	51	66	.436	30	13 ½	5-5	L-2	33-30	18-36

### GAME 1: CLEVELAND 4, DETROIT 1

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Greene cf	4	1	1	0	1	.237
Reyes rf	3	0	1	0	1	.261
Baez ss	4	0	1	0	1	.227
H.Castro 1b	4	0	0	1	2	.282
Cabrera dh	4	0	0	0	3	.263
Candelario 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.198
Haase c	2	0	0	0	0	.235
Schoop 2b	3	0	0	0	2	.201
Baddoo lf	3	0	0	0	2	.174
TOTALS	30	1	3	1	13	
Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	4	0	1	0	0	.294
Rosario ss	4	1	0	0	0	.285
Ramirez 3b	4	0	2	1	1	.284
Gimenez 2b	4	1	3	3	1	.313
Gonzalez rf	4	0	2	0	1	.300
Miller 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.241
Jones dh	4	0	0	0	3	.253
Hedgus c	3	0	0	0	0	.176
Stras cf	3	2	1	0	0	.207
TOTALS	33	4	9	4		

Detroit	100	000	000	—	1	3	1
Cleveland	000	010	00x	—	4	9	0

**E:** Baez (20). **L0B:** Detroit 4, Cleveland 8. **2B:** Baez (24), Gimenez (19), Gonzalez (16). **HR:** Gimenez (13), off Chafin. **RBI:** H.Castro (27), Ramirez (94), Gimenez 3(54). **SB:** Straw 2(15), Reyes (1).  
**Runners left in scoring position:** Detroit 2(Cabrera, H.Castro); Cleveland 5 (Hedgus 3, Jones, Rosario).  
**RISP:** Detroit 0for 3; Cleveland 3for 15. **Runners moved up:** H.Castro, Miller. **GIDP:** Miller. **DP:** Detroit 1(Baez, Schoop, H.Castro).

DETROIT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hutchison	5⅓	7	1	1	1	4	4.23
Vest, L, 3-3	1	1	2	2	1	1	3.91
Chafin	⅔	1	1	1	0	2	2.54
Malta	1	0	0	0	1	0	2.58



# SCOREBOARD

## SOCCKER

MLS EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	13	3	9	48	45	19
CF Montréal	13	8	4	43	43	41
New York City FC	12	6	6	42	45	27
N.Y. Red Bulls	10	8	7	37	38	31
Columbus	8	6	10	34	32	27
Orlando City	9	10	6	33	28	36
Inter Miami CF	9	10	6	33	32	41
New England	8	7	9	33	36	34
Cincinnati	8	8	9	33	42	45
Chicago	8	11	6	30	28	34
Charlotte FC	9	14	2	29	30	39
Toronto FC	8	12	5	29	37	43
Atlanta	7	9	8	29	33	36
D.C. United	6	14	4	22	28	48

WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	17	4	3	54	53	24
Austin FC	14	5	6	48	54	34
FC Dallas	10	7	9	39	38	28
Minnesota United	11	9	5	38	40	35
Real Salt Lake	10	8	7	37	33	34
LA Galaxy	10	11	3	33	37	34
Nashville	8	9	9	33	34	36
Portland	7	7	12	33	42	40
Seattle	10	13	2	32	32	31
Colorado	8	9	7	31	35	37
Vancouver	8	11	6	30	29	44
Houston	7	14	4	25	31	42
San Jose	5	11	9	24	40	53
Sporting KC	6	15	5	23	26	48

Three points for win— —

**TUESDAY'S MATCH**  
D.C. United at Los Angeles FC, 10:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES**  
N.Y. Red Bulls at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
New England at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m.  
Charlotte FC at New York City FC, 8p.m.  
Philadelphia at FC Dallas, 9p.m.  
Colorado at Vancouver, 10p.m.

**FRIDAY'S MATCH**  
Seattle at LA Galaxy, 10p.m.

**SATURDAY'S MATCHES**  
Cincinnati at N.Y. Red Bulls, 6p.m.  
Philadelphia at D.C. United, 7:30p.m.  
New England at CF Montréal, 7:30p.m.  
Toronto FC at Miami, 8p.m.  
Austin FC at Minnesota, 8p.m.  
Houston at Colorado, 9p.m.  
Vancouver at Real Salt Lake, 10p.m.  
Los Angeles FC at San Jose, 10p.m.

**SUNDAY'S MATCHES**  
Atlanta at Columbus, 5:30p.m.  
New York City FC at Chicago, 6p.m.  
Orlando City at Charlotte FC, 7p.m.  
Portland at Sporting KC, 7:30 p.m.  
FC Dallas at Nashville, 8:30p.m.

**FRIDAY, AUG. 26**  
Los Angeles FC at Austin FC, 8p.m.  
Seattle at Portland, 10p.m.

**SUNDAY'S RESULTS**  
Minnesota 2, Nashville 1  
Real Salt Lake 2, Seattle 1

NWSL CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Portland	7	1	7	28	36	15
Kansas City	7	4	4	25	20	20
San Diego	7	5	4	25	21	14
Houston	7	4	4	25	26	17
OL Reign	6	4	6	24	20	15
Chicago	6	4	5	23	22	18
Angel City	6	5	3	21	15	16
Orlando	4	5	6	18	17	30
Louisville	2	6	8	14	16	22
Gotham FC	4	9	0	12	10	28
Washington	1	6	9	12	16	21
North Carolina	2	6	4	10	23	26

Three points for win, one point for tie.

**WEDNESDAY'S MATCH**  
Gotham FC at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY'S MATCH**  
Angel City at Kansas City, 8p.m.

**SATURDAY'S MATCHES**  
Orlando at Gotham FC, 7p.m.  
Chicago at North Carolina, 7p.m.  
Houston at San Diego, 10p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24**  
Portland at North Carolina, 7p.m.

**SUNDAY'S RESULTS**  
OL Reign 4, Gotham FC 1  
Angel City 1, Chicago 0

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Man City	2	2	0	0	6	0	6
Arsenal	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
Brentford	2	1	1	0	6	2	4
Tottenham	2	1	1	0	6	3	4
Newcastle	2	1	1	0	2	0	4
Leeds	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Chelsea	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Brighton	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Aston Villa	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Notting. Forest	2	1	0	1	1	2	3
Bournemouth	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Liverpool	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Fulham	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Wolverhampton	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Leicester	2	0	1	1	4	6	1
Crystal Palace	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Southampton	2	0	1	1	3	6	1
Everton	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
West Ham	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
Man United	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

**MONDAY'S RESULT**  
Liverpool 1, Crystal Palace 1

**SATURDAY, AUG. 20**  
Tottenham vs. Wolverhampton, 7:30 a.m.  
Crystal Palace vs. Aston Villa, 10a.m.  
Everton vs. Notting. Forest, 10a.m.  
Fulham vs. Brentford, 10a.m.  
Leicester vs. Southampton, 10a.m.  
Bournemouth vs. Arsenal, 12:30p.m.

**SUNDAY, AUG. 21**  
Leeds vs. Chelsea, 9a.m.  
West Ham vs. Brighton, 9a.m.  
Newcastle vs. Man City, 11:30a.m.

WNBA	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	26	10	.722	—
x-Connecticut	25	11	.694	1
x-Washington	22	14	.611	4
x-New York	16	20	.444	10
Atlanta	14	22	.389	12
Indiana	5	31	.139	21
<b>WEST</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>
x-Las Vegas	26	10	.722	—
x-Seattle	22	14	.611	4
x-Dallas	18	18	.500	8
x-Phoenix	15	21	.417	11
Minnesota	14	22	.389	12
Los Angeles	13	23	.361	13

x-clinched playoff spot

**SUNDAY'S RESULTS**  
New York 87, Atlanta 83  
Las Vegas 109, Seattle 100  
Washington 95, Indiana 83  
Chicago 82, Phoenix 67  
Connecticut 90, Minnesota 83  
Dallas 116, Los Angeles 88

**WNBA PLAYOFFS**  
**FIRST ROUND, (Best-of-3)**  
**#1 Las Vegas vs. #8 Phoenix**  
Wednesday: at Las Vegas, 10 p.m.  
Saturday: at Las Vegas, 9 p.m.  
**x-Aug. 23:** at Phoenix, TBD

**#2 Chicago vs. #7 New York**  
Wednesday: at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
Saturday: at Chicago, Noon  
**x-Aug. 23:** at New York, TBD

**#3 Connecticut vs. #6 Dallas**  
Thursday: at Connecticut, 8 p.m.  
Saturday: at Connecticut, Noon  
**x-Aug. 24:** at Dallas, TBD

**#4 Seattle vs. #5 Washington**  
Thursday: at Seattle, 10 p.m.  
Sunday: at Seattle, 4 p.m.  
**x-Aug. 24:** at Washington, TBD  
**SEMIFINALS (Best-of-5)**  
**Las Vegas/Phoenix winner vs. Seattle/Washington winner**  
**Chicago/New York winner vs. Connecticut/Dallas winner**

**FINALS (Best-of-5)**  
Semifinal winners, TBD  
(x-if necessary)

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AP PRESEASON TOP 25	PTS	LP
RK	SCHOOL	
1	Alabama (54)	1,566 2
2	Ohio State (6)	1,506 6
3	Georgia (3)	1,455 6
4	Clemson	1,292 14
5	Notre Dame	1,242 8
6	Texas A&M	1,212 NR
7	Utah	1,209 12
8	Michigan	1,203 3
9	Oklahoma	956 10
10	Baylor	884 5
11	Oregon	831 22
12	Oklahoma State	814 7
13	NC State	752 20
14	Southern California	711 NR
15	Michigan State	631 9
16	Miami (Fla.)	476 NR
17	Pitt	383 13
18	Wisconsin	365 NR
19	Arkansas	348 21
20	Kentucky	332 18
21	Ole Miss	324 11
22	Wake Forest	303 15
23	Cincinnati	265 4
24	Houston	263 17
25	BYU	234 19

**Others:** Tennessee 180, Texas 164, Iowa 163, Penn State 160, LSU 55, Fresno State 32, Minnesota 31, UCF 27, Purdue 17, Mississippi State 15, Auburn 15, Florida 14, Kansas State 14, North Carolina 9, Boise State 5, Air Force 4, Appalachian State 4, South Carolina 2, UCLA 2, San Diego State 2, Utah State 2, Nebraska 1.

## TENNIS

### WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN

**Monday at Lindner Family Tennis Center, Cincinnati, outdoors, hard MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 64**  
#13 Diego Schwartzman d. Alex Molcan, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

Aslan Karatsev d. Brandon Nakashima, 7-5, 7-5.  
#15 Roberto Bautista Agut d. Francisco Cerundolo, 6-7(5), 6-4, 6-2.

Emil Ruusuvuori d. Jeffrey John Wolf, 7-6(2), 6-2.

John Isner, d. Benjamin Bonzi, 7-6(11), 3-6, 7-6(4).

#14 Marin Cilic d. Jaume Munar, 6-3, 6-3.

#9 Cameron Norrie d. Holger Rune, 7-6(5), 4-6, 6-4.

Andy Murray d. Stan Wawrinka, 7-6(3), 5-7, 7-5.

Marcos Giron d. David Goffin, 6-3, 6-4.

Karen Khachanov vs. Sebastian Korda, late

#12 Matteo Berrettini vs. Frances Tiafoe, late

#15 Grigor Dimitrov vs. Denis Shapovalov, late

**WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 64**  
Elena Rybakina d. Mayar Sherif, 6-3, 6-2.

Veronika Kudermetova d. Barbora Krejickova 6-3, 6-3.

Amanda Anisimova d. #9 Daria Kasatkina, 6-4, 6-4.

Alison Riske-Amrtna d. Sara Sorribes Tormo, 6-1, 7-6(2).

Caty McNally d. Aliakandra Sasnovich, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6(2).

Nuria Parrizas Diaz vs. Tereza Martincova, late

Petra Martic vs. Caroline Garcia, late

Taylor Townsend vs. Ajla Tomljanovic, late

Kaia Kanepi vs. Victoria Azarenka, late

Sloane Stephens vs. Alize Cornet, late

### WTA ODLUM BROWN

**Monday at Hollyburn Country Club, Vancouver, outdoors, hard**

**WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32**  
#2 Lucia Bronzetti vs. Yuriko Miyazaki, late

#7 Misaki Doi vs. Victoria Jimenez Kasintseva, late

Heather Watson d. #8 Elisabetta Cocciaretto, 3-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Catherine Harrison d. Despina Papamichail, 6-1, 6-3.

Valentini Grammatikopoulou d. Astra Sharma, 6-2, 6-2.

Madison Inglis vs.

## ODDS

MLB NATIONAL LEAGUE	TUESDAY
FAVORITE	LINE UNDERDOG
Philadelphia	-180 at Cincinnati
San Diego	-162 at Miami
Chi Cubs	-162 at Washington
at Atlanta	-142 NY Mets
at St. Louis	-225 Colorado
LA Dodgers	-116 at Milwaukee
Arizona	off at San Fran.
<b>AMERICAN LEAGUE</b>	
at NY Yankees	-198 Tampa Bay
at Toronto	-230 Baltimore
at Cleveland	-220 Detroit
at Minnesota	-184 Kansas City
at Texas	off Oakland
Houston	-116 at Chi Wh. Sox
Seattle	-172 at LA Angels
<b>INTERLEAGUE</b>	
Boston	-142 at Pittsburgh

For the latest odds, go to [FanDuel Sportsbook](https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/), <https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/>

## NFL PRESEASON

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
EAST						
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	27	24
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	26	24
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	24	21
New England	0	1	0	.000	21	23
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	17	13
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	24	27
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	10	23
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	24	51
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	23	10
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	24	13
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	32	25
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	23	36
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Las Vegas	2	0	0	1.000	53	31
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	17	7
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	14	19
L.A. Chargers	0	1	0	.000	14	29

NATIONAL CONFERENCE	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
EAST						
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	23	21
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	7	17
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	21	24
Washington	0	1	0	.000	21	23
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	27	23
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	23	21
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	13	17
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	24	26
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	19	14
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	23	27
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	20	26
Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	21	28
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	36	23
L.A. Rams	1	0	0	1.000	29	22
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	28	21
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	25	32

**WEEK 2 THURSDAY'S GAME**  
Chicago at Seattle, 8p.m.  
**FRIDAY'S GAMES**  
Carolina at New England, 7p.m.  
New Orleans at Green Bay, 8p.m.  
Houston at L.A. Rams, 10p.m.  
**SATURDAY'S GAMES**  
Detroit at Indianapolis, 1p.m.  
Denver at Buffalo, 1p.m.  
Washington at Kansas City, 4p.m.  
San Francisco at Tennessee, 7p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 7p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 7p.m.  
Las Vegas at Miami, 7p.m.  
Dallas at San Diego, 10p.m.  
**SUNDAY, AUG. 21**  
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 1p.m.  
Cincinnati at N.Y. Giants, 7p.m.  
Baltimore at Arizona, 8p.m.  
**MONDAY, AUG. 22**  
Atlanta at N.Y. Jets, 8p.m.

## GOLF

FEDEX CUP LEADERS		
RK. GOLFER	POINTS	MONEY
1. Will Zalatoris	3,680	\$9,405,082
2. Scottie Scheffler	3,556	\$13,176,910
3. Cameron Smith	2,548	\$10,107,897
4. Sam Burns	2,429	\$6,885,736
5. Tony Finau	2,261	\$6,013,636
6. Xander Schauffele	2,175	\$6,557,299
7. Patrick Cantlay	2,129	\$6,669,605
8. Sepp Straka	2,109	\$4,618,184
9. Rory McIlroy	2,104	\$8,234,566
10. Justin Thomas	1,996	\$6,793,876
11. Sungjae Im	1,993	\$5,320,474
12. Matt Fitzpatrick	1,945	\$6,973,972
13. Cameron Young	1,855	\$6,387,098
14. Jon Rahm	1,798	\$4,828,220
15. Hideki Matsuyama	1,697	\$5,708,548
16. Max Homa	1,675	\$5,101,592
17. Jordan Spieth	1,574	\$4,830,194
18. Viktor Hovland	1,467	\$4,800,711
19. Joaquin Niemann	1,440	\$4,656,601
20. Collin Morikawa	1,438	\$4,789,271
21. Tom Hoge	1,424	\$4,271,346
22. Billy Horschel	1,403	\$4,875,850
23. Brian Harman	1,344	\$3,159,089
24. Talor Gooch	1,302	\$3,718,990
25. JT Poston	1,300	\$3,224,693
26. Joohyung Kim	1,130	\$2,790,230
27. Davis Riley	1,126	\$3,156,443
28. Sahithi Theegala	1,099	\$2,877,168
29. Kevin Kisner	1,060	\$3,718,724
30. Corey Connors	1,054	\$3,329,090
31. J.J. Spaans	1,035	\$2,817,652
32. Aaron Baddeley	1,032	\$3,207,021
33. Mackenzie McNeely	1,017	\$6,100,004
34. Young-Hoon Lee	1,006	\$2,799,680
35. Lucas Glover	999	\$1,910,596
36. Denny McCarthy	996	\$2,778,521
37. Seamus Power	990	\$3,068,741
38. Shane Lowry	990	\$2,359,349
39. Keith Mitchell	969	\$2,979,591
40. Cameron Tringale	957	\$3,108,419
41. Mito Pereira	938	\$2,763,575
42. Luke List	938	\$2,702,170
44. Russell Henley	934	\$2,769,755
45. Keegan Bradley	929	\$3,589,337
46. Adam Scott	898	\$2,365,698
47. Scott Stallings	892	\$3,213,593
48. Andrew Putnam	847	\$1,786,983
49. Kurt Kitayama	839	\$2,399,662
50. Sebastian Munoz	833	\$2,477,371
51. Tyrrell Hallett	830	\$2,716,292
52. Martin Davis	827	\$1,912,261
53. Mackenzie Hughes	823	\$2,421,951
54. Jensen Kokrak	801	\$2,339,960
55. Si Woo Kim	801	\$2,203,251
56. Lucas Herbert	796	\$2,310,940
57. Emiliano Grillo	772	\$1,906,397
58. Tommy Fleetwood	766	\$2,876,438
59. Troy Merritt	757	\$1,873,004
60. Chez Reavie	742	\$1,874,320
61. Adam Hadwin	734	\$2,526,396
62. Ch. Bezdudin	714	\$1,918,289
63. Chris Kirk	707	\$2,376,363
64. Taylor Moore	704	\$1,703,237
65. Matt Kuchar	696	\$1,983,550
66. Brendan Steele	689	\$2,443,159
67. Harold Varner III	682	\$2,255,441
68. Alex Noren	681	\$935,831
69. Taylor Pendrith	677	\$1,910,840
70. Marc Leishman	672	\$911,311
71. Adam Long	671	\$1,857,309
72. Alex Smalley	658	\$583,567
73. Matt Jones	653	\$1,914,560
73. Wyndham Clark	645	\$1,512,255
74. Anirban Lahiri	642	\$3,084,598
75. Hudson Swafford	640	\$1,714,926
76. Lee Hodges	637	\$1,377,251
77. John Huh	612	\$1,631,948
78. Brendon Todd	607	\$1,695,052
79. Gary Woodland	601	\$1,992,732
80. Beau Hossler	593	\$1,716,430



SPORTS

YARD GOATS

# Fans to get first look at top prospect Veen

By Dom Amore  
Hartford Courant

The Yard Goats’ drive for a playoff spot in the Eastern League continues as the Blue Jays’ Double-A affiliate, the New Hampshire Fisher Cats, come to Dunkin’ Donuts Park for six games beginning Tuesday.

The Goats’ overall record, 63-44, is third best in the league, but they narrowly lost the first-half title on June 26 and are fighting now to make the playoffs as second-half Northeast Division champs. Toward that end, they are 20-18 and trail first-place Portland by 3½ games after losing eight of 12 games on the recent road trip through Reading and Somerset. Hartford has 31 games left, including three long home series before the regular season ends Sept. 18.

So they need to turn things around this week against New Hampshire, 16-23 in the second half and 47-61 overall.

This will be Hartford’s first look at outfielder Zac Veen, considered the top prospect in the Rockies organization. Veen was promoted from Class A last week, and has replaced Michael Toglia, who set a Hartford franchise record with 23 homers before being promoted to Triple A. Toglia is 5 for 22 with a homer since moving up to Albuquerque.

Shortstop Ezequiel Tovar remains in Hartford as the season winds down. In 66 games, he’s hitting .318 with 13 homers, 47 RBIs and 17 steals in 20 tries.

Here’s what you need to know about the upcoming week at Dunkin’ Donuts Park:

**Probable starters and promotions**

**Tuesday:** Yard Goats RHP Noah Gotsis vs. RHP Adam Kloffenstein, 7:05 p.m.

Los Chivos de Hartford cap for first 2,000 fans

**Wednesday:** Yard Goats RHP Noah Davis vs. RHP Alejandro Melean, 7:05 p.m.

Chompers Birthday Party, with mascots from other teams

**Thursday:** Yard Goats RHP Mike Ruff vs. TBA, 7:05 p.m.

Strike Out Cancer Night

**Friday:** Yard Goats RHP Mitch Kilkenny vs. LHP Ricky Tiedemann, 7:05 p.m.

Irish Heritage Night, with music and step dancers

**Saturday:** Yard Goats RHP Tony Locey vs. TBA, 6:05 p.m.

Roberto Clemente Day, baseball clinic in the morning, post-game fireworks

**Sunday:** Gotsis vs. TBA, 1:05 p.m.

Faith & Family Day/Kids Run the Bases

**How to watch/listen**

**Radio:** FM 100.9 or AM 1410

WPOP; Video Stream — MiLB.tv; Internet — newsradio1410.iheart.com (iHeartRadio app)

**For tickets and information:** Visit [yardgoatsbaseball.com](http://yardgoatsbaseball.com) or call 860-246-4628.

**About Zac Veen**

Veen, 20, was Colorado’s top pick, No. 9 overall, in the 2020 MLB draft. A right-handed hitter and thrower, Veen is 6 feet 4 and 195 pounds out of Spruce Creek High in Port Orange, Fla. He debuted at Fresno in the California League in 2021, hitting .301 with 15 homers and 75 RBIs in 106 games, his slash line of .301/.399/.501 good for a .901 on-base plus slugging mark. This season at high Class A Spokane he had 11 homers and 60 RBIs in 92 games, an .806 OPS, leading the Northwest League in RBIs, runs (72) and steals (50) at the time of his promotion. He picked up two hits in the MLB

Futures Game at Dodger Stadium on July 16. So he has succeeded at each level so far, with Double A a big step; he’s 3.9 years younger than the average Eastern League player. Since joining Hartford on the road, he is 6 for 25 with a double. Veen is on a fast track, and a lot of MLB eyes will be on him over these final weeks of the season.

**On the Fisher Cats**

Kloffenstein, who could start twice in the series, is the Jays’ 11th-ranked prospect according to MLB.com, but he is 0-5 with a 6.32 ERA since moving up to New Hampshire in May. Trent Palmer, another of Toronto’s top pitching prospects, is injured. The Cats’ team ERA of 5.08 is next to last in the EL. Infielder Orelvis Martinez has 25 homers and 64 RBIs in 94 games.

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New Britain High School baseball head coach Roberto Mercado talks with his players during a 2017 practice at Memorial Stadium. COURANT FILE

## Mercado

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There is an “Oriole Way” now. It’s a thing. Hard contact is a part of the player-development game within the games Mercado, who less than a year ago was the baseball coach and dean of discipline at New Britain High, now manages for Aberdeen, the Orioles’ Class A affiliate. Winning has followed, as indeed it is following with the parent club in Baltimore, one of MLB’s big surprises in 2022. The IronBirds won South Atlantic League’s first half title, and though many of their top players have been promoted, they are contending for the second-half title, too. Overall, they are 65-42, a .607 winning percentage after splitting six games at Hudson Valley last week.

“That’s a testament to his character and how well he can manage a game,” says TT Bowens, the former Central Connecticut slugger who has seven homers and 40 RBIs for Aberdeen, “and how well he can communicate with players and work around situations, events. If you asked anyone here if they thought he was coaching high school last year, nobody would think that he was, just the way he has managed this year. You can tell he’s got a lot higher ceiling than high school.”

## Unconventional path

Mercado, born and raised in New Britain, played baseball and graduated from the high school in 1998. After playing at UConn-Avery Point and Fitchburg State, he returned home to teach and coach. He gained experience and contacts in international baseball and in the Cape Cod League, and in 10 years as New Britain’s head coach his teams were 139-80.

It’s not a conventional path to the launching of a managerial career in professional baseball, but the Orioles have been going out of the box, emphasizing teaching and communication skills in their hires. Ryan Fuller, a former UConn player, was teaching English at Haddam-Killingworth High and

working with hitters as a sidelight before the Orioles, who liked some of the videos he posted, hired him as a minor league instructor. He’s now with the major league team, which is in the thick of the American League playoff race.

Mercado’s name was given to Matt Blood, the Orioles’ director of player development, last winter and after a series of interviews, the organization was sold on his “professionalism and humility,” according to Blood.

“We look for people who can teach. We look for people who are driven be educators,” Blood says. “We’re looking for him to learn the organization philosophy, create a strong culture there with his coaches and players and create the learning environment where our players are getting better.”

So Mercado took a year’s leave of absence from New Britain High, where his wife still teaches and serves as an assistant volleyball coach, and the adventure began.

“We were both working when he got the call. I was in my classroom,” Samantha Mercado remembers. “I’ve always told him, ‘Let baseball take you where it’s going to take you. This is a dream, and I am 100% supportive and on board, and we’ll make it work. We’ll figure it out.’ He couldn’t not accept the opportunity. Why not try it?”

Mercado headed to the off-season instructional camps, where he met many of the prospects he’d be managing, and then spring training, where the minor league affiliates’ rosters were picked. After so many years of losing, the Orioles have a number of high draft picks and top prospects. John Rhodes, Coby Mayo, Donta’ Williams and Cesar Prieto were assigned to Aberdeen. Recently, Heston Kjerstad, the No. 2 overall pick in the 2020 draft, was promoted to Aberdeen, and Chayce McDermott, a pitcher acquired in the deadline trade for Trey Mancini, and Cade Povich, acquired from the Twins, have debuted with the IronBirds.

“[Mercado] has had a lot of things thrown at him,” Bowens says. “I don’t think he could have handled the situation any better.”

## The ‘Oriole Way’

Mercado is given instructions, like all minor league managers, on how certain players need to be used. Workloads are monitored, important for first-year professionals going through a 140-game grind for the first time. Mercado’s support staff includes the organization’s sports psychologist, Kathryn Rowe.

He does make out his own lineup, and the task of handling, disciplining players is all in his hands. Building relationships is his forte, as it was in his last job.

“I really don’t believe in rules,” Mercado says. “I believe in being on time and doing things right, and that kind of covers everything.”

Three times this year he has lost his temper, once with a player who was late to the ballpark, once with a player who didn’t run hard to first base, once with a player who threw a tantrum and risked injury by punching a wall. Otherwise, Mercado presents an image of calmness in the dugout and around the team, applying his brand of discipline out of public view. He has yet to be ejected from a game.

“At the end of the day, they’re professionals,” Mercado says. “This is their career. This is not where they want to end up. They don’t want to be just a high-A player. They understand the expectations. They want to move up, and we just want to create that foundation and continue on with the ‘Oriole Way.’”

Perhaps the awards for good swings and at-bats is a bit of the high school teacher and coach showing itself in Mercado.

“We give them out as a little token to say, ‘You’re doing your job. This is what we want,’” Mercado says. “Just leveling up, making sure guys are hitting the ball hard. We want good swing decisions. It’s more the process than actual results. Guys aren’t moving up because of batting average. Don’t focus on the numbers, just focus on getting 1% better every day.”

Infielder Connor Norby had earned the most barrels, more than 20 before being promoted to Double-A Bowie in midseason.

“I did a presentation before the season,” Mercado says. “And

I asked, who do you think had the most barrels in major league baseball last year, and it was Shohei Ohtani, one for every seven or eight at-bats. It was like, ‘Hey guys, hitting is hard. The best player in baseball gets one maybe every two games.’

Home runs earn gold barrels, and there’s a weekly award for the best swing decisions.

“If you take a 3-2 pitch and it’s called a strike, but we think it’s a ball, that’s OK,” Mercado says. “It’s the swing decision.”

Mercado, who is bilingual, has players from all different backgrounds, right out of high school, or with three or more years of college experience, and from countries all over the world, including Cuba; Cesar Prieto defected to the U.S. in 2021. Mercado will seek out a struggling player, often for a short, heart-to-heart talk in the outfield before a game.

“Everybody’s different,” Mercado says. “Everybody responds differently. Getting to know each player and getting to know what makes them tick and getting them to understand, this game is hard, you’re here for a reason. You’re in high-A because the organization believes in you, just keep competing.”

This is where Mercado’s experience as a high school teacher, dean of discipline and coach in a diverse community like New Britain comes into play.

“He has this poise and way about him that he’s able to manage without ever changing his demeanor,” Samantha Mercado says. “Not losing his cool, and that stems from being a dean, experiencing kids at a young age, doing things you can’t imagine them doing and you have to handle it. His way of organizing, commanding and managing people all stems back from being able to be a dean.”

## The perfect fit

This past week, the IronBirds came to Wappingers Falls, N.Y., 30 miles west of Danbury, a four-hour bus ride from Aberdeen, to play the Hudson Valley Renegades, the Yankees’ affiliate in the South Atlantic League.

After arriving for a game, Mercado typically runs four hours of pregame work, including 11 different elements on the field, in the bullpens and on the cages. As players take their first swings, one who is stretching calls out, “95, 10 to 35,” showing the goal is ingrained. Later, Mercado asks catcher Ramon Rodriguez, who is recovering from an injury, if he knows his pregame instructions. Gonzalez gives a long rundown, and Mercado, looking at his phone, nods and smiles. “Good,” he says, “that’s what I’ve got.”

The one thing Mercado can’t do is throw batting practice, having injured his shoulder in spring training.

Samantha has been able to join him for much of the summer — they were invited to an O’s game at Camden Yards on Aug. 8 — but the summer is ending and classes at New Britain High are starting up soon. Mercado’s parents and his grandmother, who had never seen Roberto play, coach or manage before, came up from Puerto Rico to see a game last week, as did many of his friends and colleagues from New Britain.

“I always like seeing him smile and laugh in the dugout when he interacts with the other coaches and the players,” Samantha says. “He just seems so happy!”

When the season is over, Mercado and the Orioles will have to decide the future, whether he stays in pro baseball or returns to New Britain. From the looks and feel of things, it seems like an easy choice, a perfect fit.

“When I first got the job,” Mercado says, “I’ll never forget walking into the clubhouse and seeing my name up there. That was a really cool moment for me. I have an amazing wife, who is super supportive, and that’s the key for me, having someone who understands how much I love the game and how much the game has given me. I’m just trying to give the knowledge I have to all these guys, and I’ve been blessed, man. It’s been awesome.”

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# NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

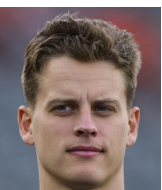
## SHORTS

### LSU QB Brennan ends playing career



LSU quarterback Myles Brennan has decided to end his college football career after five seasons with the Tigers. The 23-year-old Brennan, who announced his decision Monday, spent his first three years at LSU as a backup. He was named the starter in 2020, only to have that season cut short by an abdominal injury after three starts in which he passed for 1,112 yards and 11 TDs. Brennan then missed all of last season because of a non-football arm injury that occurred during a fishing outing in August. “Over the last five years, I have given all of my body, heart and soul to LSU football,” Brennan said in a statement posted on social media. “I am forever grateful for every opportunity I have been given, every obstacle I’ve overcome and every second I’ve been a Tiger. “However,” Brennan added, “it is time for me to start a new chapter in my life.” The former prized recruit out of Mississippi, briefly entered the transfer portal last offseason before deciding to return to LSU in hopes of competing for a starting job once more. However, he fell out of the early running for that spot in recent days.

### Burrow back at practice, eyes opener



Three weeks after having an appendectomy, Joe Burrow is fully participating in training camp with an eye toward getting ready for the regular-season opener next month. The Bengals quarterback was in full uniform as he threw crisp passes in seven-on-seven drills for a second day Monday. He had surgery July 26, a day before the first workout of camp. “The seven-on-sevens are more just mentally getting back in the groove of things, the timing of the throws, the accuracy, going against the defense and trying to see some of the disguises,” Coach Zac Taylor said before practice Monday. “I got a chance to see him throw the ball farther than I’d seen him throw (Sunday). He looked crisp on that, he played on time, he was aggressive with his decision-making. I thought he moved well, and so again, we’ll just take it day by day.” Taylor said he’s satisfied with the practice schedule moving forward with his franchise quarterback. “We’ve got a good plan in place now,” Taylor said. “... For him, it’s (about getting ready for) Pittsburgh. Be ready for Week 1 of the season.”

### Ex-Princeton hoops coach Carril dies



Pete Carril, the rumpled, cigar-smoking basketball coach who led Princeton to 11 appearances in the NCAA Tournament, where his teams unnerved formidable opponents and rattled March Madness with old-school fundamentals, died Monday. He was 92. Carril, a Hall of Famer, schooled his teams in a distinct and throwback brand of ball — the Princeton offense, a game marked by patience, intelligence, constant motion, quick passing and backdoor cuts that often ended in layups. During Carril’s 29 seasons as the Tigers’ coach, his teams won 13 Ivy League titles and posted a 514-261 record. Princeton led the nation in scoring defense in 14 of his last 21 seasons. He guided the Tigers to the NIT championship in 1975 and was elected to the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 1997. Carril’s final season in 1996 was highlighted by a first-round NCAA victory over defending champion UCLA, an outcome many consider one of the biggest surprises in tournament history. After leaving Princeton, Carril spent 10 seasons as an assistant coach with the NBA’s Kings. —Associated Press

## AUTO RACING IN THE PITS

# Harvick has all the momentum

As NASCAR playoffs near, veteran driver on win streak

By Jenna Fryer  
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Well hello, Happy. Welcome to NASCAR’s championship race. Just when it seemed time to write off Kevin Harvick, at least for this season, the 46-year-old has figured out how to win again. He has two victories in eight days — after snapping a 65-race losing streak dating to 2020 — and all the momentum headed into the playoffs.

If you counted Harvick out, he’s now demanding a correction.

“It’s kind of like when they put those small boxes in the newspaper where they have to correct their story and you can’t hardly read them. I feel like a lot of you should put those at the bottom of your story. I get great gratification out of that,” Harvick said after winning Sunday at Richmond Raceway.

His resurgence has saved his season. After winning a career-high nine races in 2020, Harvick disappeared. He went winless last season for the first time since 2009 and only the fourth time in 22 Cup seasons.

This year, he seemed slow to grasp NASCAR’s new Next Gen car as a slew of new faces raced their way to victory lane. The Cup Series so far has five first-time winners this season, the playoff grid filling fast with fresh new names, and Harvick found himself in a vulnerable spot headed into the final month to qualify for one of the 16 playoff berths.

His much-needed first win came Aug. 7 at Michigan, followed by Sunday’s win at Richmond, making Harvick the only back-to-back race winner this season.

“At this point, a win’s a win, right? I think we were 0-for-65 and we’ve done nothing different and here we are two weeks in a row. That’s racin’, right?” Harvick grinned.

The 60th Cup victory of his career tied Harvick with Kyle Busch for ninth all-time in NASCAR.

Next up on the list? The late Dale Earnhardt in eighth at 76 career victories.

To have Earnhardt in reach brings Harvick full circle: He replaced Earnhardt following Earnhardt’s fatal 2001 crash in the Daytona 500.

“As you start your career, it’s easy to say, ‘I want to win 70-some races’ and then you start doing this on a week-to-week basis,” Harvick said. “It’s just a lot harder because everyone in this garage is just a killer, from the crew chief to the drivers to the guys changing the tires.

“It’s the best of the best, and it’s not easy to keep your team and everybody within your organization competitive, keep yourself competitive.”

Now that he’s proven to still be competitive, Harvick is a serious threat for a second Cup championship.

And that’s very good for NASCAR. Harvick is one of the few throwbacks



Kevin Harvick celebrates after winning Sunday’s NASCAR race at Richmond Raceway. It was his second straight victory. CHRIS GRAYTHEN/GETTY

remaining in the Cup garage. A former West Coast racer nicknamed “Happy” when he got to NASCAR, the stress of replacing Earnhardt turned Harvick’s nickname into unintentional satire.

It was fitting, though, as he scrapped on and off the track and proved over two decades he would not be pushed around.

It’s a younger man’s game now — the average age of this season’s first-time winners is 27 — and the tricks Harvick mastered seemingly no longer applied with the Next Gen car.

But the No. 4 team at Stewart-Haas Racing began to figure out the car long before the wins finally came.

A crash at Gateway in June dropped Harvick to 13th in the standings and on the

bubble of not making the playoffs.

Crew chief Rodney Childers kept the team calm knowing that a win was within reach.

“Two months ago it was like, ‘We ran better and this is better and this was better and this was better.’

“The two months before that we would have those meetings and it was like, ‘Well, this was worse, this was worse, this was worse, this was worse,’ ” Childers said. “It started two months ago, and you could just see — the communication and the confidence and the cars we were building, all that stuff just got better.”

The late push forces the competition to take note of Harvick’s potential.

And the first round favors Harvick, who has a combined nine career victories at

Darlington, Kansas and Bristol, the first three tracks in the playoffs.

How he plans to attack the postseason isn’t for public discussion.

“Look, we’re boring. We don’t ever look ahead,” said Harvick, who noted his approach helped the No. 4 team weather its losing streak.

“Obviously we’d all rather win, but I’ve been through longer losing streaks. You can fall right into that trap and let it suck you in,” he said. “It was really nothing that ever affected us. It’s no different than what we’ve done the last two weeks. We haven’t done anything different, but the cars have run good for a couple months, and now a few things went right and now we’ve won twice. “That’s just the way this deals goes.”

## WNBA PLAYOFF PREVIEW

# New series format in early rounds a popular change

By Doug Feinberg  
Associated Press

A’ja Wilson and the Aces will begin their quest for their first WNBA title a lot sooner than top seeds have done in previous few years.

The Aces clinched homecourt throughout the playoff on the regular season’s final day by earning the top seed in the WNBA postseason that begins Wednesday.

Before this year, the Aces would have a bye until the semifinals. The league changed the playoff format to best-of-three series in the quarterfinals instead of the single-elimination games in the opening two rounds it had been using since 2016.

“We’re not done yet. This is the beginning,” Wilson said after the Aces clinched the top seed Sunday. “The regular season was nice, but now it’s real. It doesn’t matter

what number is by your name in the playoffs. It could be anybody’s night on any given day.

“It’s playoffs, either you want it or you don’t.”

The top four seeds — the Aces, Sky, Sun and Storm — will all host the first two games of their series with a potential decisive game three on the home court of the lower seed.

Breanna Stewart was happy that the league changed the playoff format.

“I think in the WNBA all teams are deserving of a series,” she said. “It’s a respect for the teams that make it. Striving for greatness throughout the whole season shouldn’t finish with one game on the line. We’re a professional league. It should be exciting and will be interesting with the 2-1 best of three.”

Stewart will try to help teammate Sue Bird head into retirement with a fifth championship. The fourth-seeded Storm have a tough first round matchup against the Mystics.

“This league continues to elevate the game and get better and better,” Stewart said. “Everybody knows there’s players on each team that can go off.”

### Health status

The Wings played without Arike Ogunbowale (abdominal issue) the last few games and the Mercury’s Diana Taurasi was sidelined down the stretch with a quad injury. Both teams will be hard-pressed to advance without them in the lineup. The Mercury also could still be without guard Skylar Diggins-Smith, who missed the last couple of games because of personal reasons.

### Back-to-back?

The Sky are trying to be come the first team to repeat as champions since the

Sparks won consecutive titles in 2001 and 2002. The Sky host the Liberty in the opening round.

### Exciting finish

The Liberty and Mercury didn’t secure postseason berths until the final day of the regular season. The Liberty knocked off the Dream, and the Mercury advanced when the Lynx lost to the Sun earlier in the day, ending the career of WNBA great Sylvia Fowles.

### Under the radar

The Sun finished with the league’s third-best record, behind the Aces and the Sky.

The Sun closed out the season with eight wins in their final 10 games and are seeking to capture the franchise’s first league title.



# BUSINESS

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## Starbucks calls on labor board to halt union votes

Cites allegations that NLRB officials improperly coordinated with organizers

By Dee-Ann Durbin  
Associated Press

Starbucks on Monday asked the National Labor Relations Board to temporarily suspend all union elections at its U.S. stores, citing allegations from a board employee that regional NLRB officials improperly coordinated with union organizers.

In a letter to the board chairman and other officials, Starbucks said the unnamed career NLRB employee informed the company about the activity, which happened in the board's St. Louis office in the spring while it was overseeing a union election at a Starbucks store in Overland Park, Kansas.

The store is one of 314 U.S. Starbucks locations where workers have petitioned the NLRB to hold union elections since late last year. More than 220 of those stores have voted to unionize. The company opposes the unionization effort.

The Seattle coffee giant alleges that St. Louis labor board officials made special arrangements for pro-union workers to

vote in person at its office when they did not receive mail-in ballots, even though Starbucks and the union had agreed that store elections would be handled by mail-in ballot.

In its letter, Starbucks referred to memos the regional office sent confirming that workers were allowed to come to the office and vote in person after the union told the regional office that some workers had not received ballots in the mail. The memos, citing "board protocol," said the workers voted alone in an empty office, according to Starbucks.

"Because observers were not present, no one can be sure who appeared to vote, whether NLRB personnel had inappropriate communications with the voters, told them how to vote, showed them how to vote or engaged in other undisclosed conduct," Starbucks wrote in its letter.

Starbucks said regional board officials also disclosed confidential information to the union, including which workers' ballots had arrived in the mail to be counted.

Starbucks Workers United, the group

seeking to unionize U.S. Starbucks stores, accused the company of trying to "distract attention away from their unprecedented anti-union campaign, including firing over 75 union leaders across the country, while simultaneously trying to halt all union elections."

"Ultimately, this is Starbucks' latest attempt to manipulate the legal process for their own means and prevent workers from exercising their fundamental right to organize," the group said in a statement.

Press secretary Kayla Blado said the NLRB will consider any challenges Starbucks raises through "established channels." Starbucks can also seek expedited review in the case, Blado said.

Workers at the Overland Park store petitioned the NLRB to hold a vote in February. In April, workers voted 6-1 to unionize, but seven additional ballots were the subject of challenges from Starbucks or the union.

A hearing on those challenges was set for Tuesday. Starbucks asked it be delayed, but as of Monday afternoon, the board had not postponed it.

## China trims interest rate to shore up economy

By Joe McDonald  
Associated Press

BEIJING — China's central bank trimmed a key interest rate Monday to shore up sagging economic growth at a politically sensitive time when President Xi Jinping is trying to extend his hold on power.

The decision suggested Beijing is temporarily setting aside worries over high debt to act to head off a slump before Xi is expected to try to award himself a third five-year term as Communist Party leader at a meeting this fall.

The ruling party has effectively acknowledged it cannot hit this year's official 5.5% growth target after anti-virus curbs disrupted trade, manufacturing and consumer spending. A crackdown on excessive borrowing in China's vast real estate industry triggered a plunge in home sales and construction.

"The momentum of economic recovery has slowed," a government spokesman, Fu Linghui, said at a news conference. "More efforts are needed to consolidate the foundation of economic recovery."

The People's Bank of China cut its rate on a one-year loan to 2.75% from 2.85% and injected an extra \$60 billion into lending markets after growth in factory output and retail sales weakened in July and home sales fell by double digits.

The central bank "seems to have decided it now has a more pressing problem," Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital Economics said in a report.

The slowdown adds to political headwinds for Xi, China's most powerful leader since at least the 1980s. He still is widely expected to succeed, but some analysts say he might be forced to compromise by sharing more of his sweeping powers with other party leaders.

### BUSINESS BRIEFING

## Japan's economy grew 2.2% in Q2

TOKYO — Japan has reported its economy grew at an annual rate of 2.2% in the second quarter as consumer spending rebounded with an easing of COVID-19 precautions.

The Japanese economy's products and services expanded 0.5% from January-March, during which the economy had stayed flat, according to preliminary government estimates. Economists had forecast 0.6% on-quarter growth. The annual numbers show how the economy would have grown if the quarterly rate were to continue for a year.

Private consumption jumped at an annual rate of 4.6%. The inflation rate remains relatively low. The Bank of Japan's most recent estimate for the fiscal year through March 2023 is for 2.3% consumer inflation.

## Heathrow to run cap through Oct.

LONDON — London's Heathrow Airport said Monday that it will extend its cap on daily passenger numbers until the end of October as part of its efforts to cope with soaring demand for air travel amid staffing shortages.

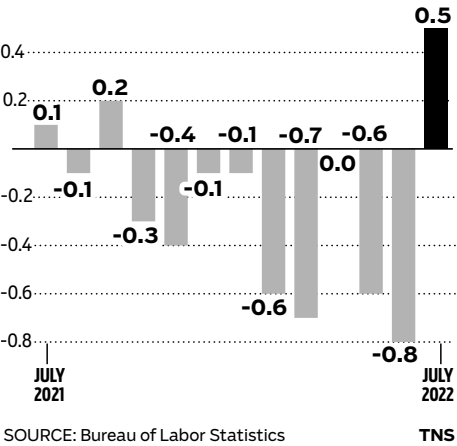
The airport, one of Europe's busiest, said a maximum of 100,000 travelers can depart each day until Oct. 29. The daily cap was initially expected to be lifted on Sept. 11.

Heathrow imposed the temporary limit in July and told airlines to stop selling tickets during the peak summer travel season, saying the expected passenger traffic was more than airport ground staff could handle.

The airport said its temporary cap had resulted in "fewer last-minute cancellations" and "shorter waits for bags."

### Real earnings

Monthly percent change in real (adjusted for inflation) average hourly earnings for all employees, seasonally adjusted



Once an engineer, Oksana Dudyk is now a florist in Lviv, Ukraine, after fleeing Mariupol. DIEGO IBARRA SANCHEZ / FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

## War brings shift in working

While some Ukrainians open up businesses, others take on lesser jobs simply to survive

By Liz Alderman  
The New York Times

LVIV, Ukraine — Oksana Dudyk scanned a small selection of plants on the shelves of her new florist shop, recently opened in this western Ukrainian city. Her eye landed on the perfect bloom for a new customer: fuchsia-colored primroses, vivid and lush, ideal for brightening an austere corner.

It was late afternoon, and the flowers were only her 10th sale of the day. But that was nothing short of a miracle for Dudyk, who started the shop with her last savings after fleeing her now-decimated hometown of Mariupol under a hail of Russian rockets. Her husband, who enlisted in the Ukrainian army after the invasion, was captured by Russian forces in May and has not been heard from since.

"These flowers help me to get by," said Dudyk, 55.

A former construction engineer who before the war helped design and build schools, she said she had never imagined

that she would one day sell flowers to survive.

"They bring me joy, and they help customers too, by creating a positive atmosphere in this incomprehensible war," she said.

Dudyk is among thousands of Ukrainians who are picking up shattered lives and trying to start over, many creating small businesses that they hope will bring them and their new communities fresh purpose. Others are working jobs that are a step down from positions lost because of war, grasping lifelines to keep their families afloat.

Ukraine's economy is projected to shrink by a third this year, according to the International Monetary Fund, and an estimated one-fifth of the nation's small and medium-sized businesses have shut down.

But many refugees who have fled war-torn areas are collectively forging a new front of economic resistance to Russia's aggression.

The foundations are being laid by people like Serhii Stoian, 31, a former math professor who opened a tiny storefront selling coffee and fresh pastries in Lviv after fleeing a job in Bucha, the city now infamous for scenes of unarmed civilians killed by

Russian soldiers. The cafe, named Kiit, after his cat who is missing in the war, struggled in its early days. But business is now so brisk that he is opening a second one in Lviv. A third is being planned for Kyiv.

"We came here with \$500 in our pockets," said Stoian, who now employs four people and works with a friend who became a business partner. "When we started, we promised to pay the landlord back in two months. We were able to pay him in just two weeks."

For others, resilience means accepting a more awkward transition. Kirill Chaolin, 29, trained air traffic controllers at Lviv's international airport. His job was wiped out when Ukraine shut its airspace to commercial flights. In the past few months, Chaolin, who has a wife and 5-year-old daughter, has begun driving a taxi for Bolt, a rival to Uber, to get by.

"It's hard to step down from a big job to do this," he said, navigating through a crunch of traffic on a recent weekday. "But there is no choice: My family needs to eat."

Scores of his former colleagues at Ukraine's airports are doing the same, he added.

"You must do whatever you need to survive," Chaolin said.

## Germany won't back Russian tourist visa ban

Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said Monday that Berlin would not back several fellow European countries that have called for an EU-wide move to stop issuing tourist visas to Russian citizens.

The nations backing such a ban say that Russians should not be able to take vacations in Europe while Moscow wages war in Ukraine.

Finland and Denmark want an EU decision and some EU countries bordering Russia already no longer issue visas to Russians.

"This is not the war of the Russian people. It is (Russian President Vladimir)

Putin's war and we have to be very clear on that topic," Scholz said.

"It is important to us to understand that there are a lot of people fleeing from Russia because they are disagreeing with the Russian regime," he told a news conference on the sidelines of a one-day meeting of the five Nordic leaders in Oslo, Norway, to which the German chancellor was invited. "All the decisions we make (within the EU) should not make it more complicated to go for freedom, to leave the country," Scholz said.

The visa issue is expected to be raised at an informal meeting of European Union foreign ministers Aug. 31.

Finnish Prime Minister Sanna Marin, who backs a visa ban, said that it was an

issue that "we need to discuss."

"It is not a black or white question, there are shades of gray," she said at the same news conference.

The EU banned air travel from Russia after Moscow launched its invasion of Ukraine.

But Russians can still travel by land to neighboring EU countries and apparently are then taking flights to other European destinations.

Visas, issued in Europe's travel zone, known as the Schengen Area, can be used in the zone's 26 countries, including 22 EU nations plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland. Normally, people and goods move freely between these countries without border checks.



BUSINESS



A fire burns on April 27 at the Bhalswa landfill in New Delhi. A study suggests that landfills are releasing far more planet-warming methane than previously thought. MANISH SWARUP/AP

Satellite data reveals landfills emit high levels of methane

By Sibi Arasu  
Associated Press

BENGALURU, India — Landfills are releasing large amounts of planet-warming methane into the atmosphere from the decomposition of waste and are a significant contributor to such emissions in urban areas, a study suggests.

Scientists used satellite data from Delhi and Mumbai in India, Lahore in Pakistan and Buenos Aires in Argentina, and identified specific locations in each city that persistently emit high methane levels, all of which were landfills. The cities’ overall methane emissions from all sources were 1.4 to 2.6 times higher than previous estimates.

The study, published in Science Advances last week, is aimed at helping local governments’ efforts to limit global warming by pinpointing specific sites of major concern.

When organic waste such as food, wood or paper decomposes, it emits methane. Landfills are the third-largest source of methane emissions globally, after oil and gas systems and

agriculture.

Although methane only accounts for about 11% of greenhouse gas emissions and lasts about a dozen years in the air, it traps 80 times more heat in the atmosphere than carbon dioxide does. Scientists estimate that at least 25% of today’s warming is driven by methane from human actions.

“This is the first time that high-resolution satellite images have been used to observe landfills and calculate their methane emissions,” said Joannes Maasakkers, lead author of the study and atmospheric scientist at the Netherlands Institute for Space Research.

“We found that these landfills, which are relatively small compared to city sizes, are responsible for a large fraction of total emissions from a given area,” he said.

Satellite data to detect emissions is still a relatively new field, but it’s being used more and more to observe gases across the world. It means more independent organizations are tracking greenhouse gases and

identifying big emitters, whereas previously local government figures were the only source available.

“This new work shows just how important it is to manage landfills better, especially in countries like India where landfills are often on fire, emitting a wide range of damaging pollutants,” said Euan Nisbet, an Earth scientist at Royal Holloway, University of London, who wasn’t part of the study.

Earlier this year, smoke hung over New Delhi for days after a massive landfill caught fire as the country was sweltering in an extreme heat wave with temperatures surpassing 122 degrees. At least two other landfill fires have been reported in India this year.

Nisbet added that the newer satellite technology, combined with on-the-ground measurements, makes it easier for researchers to identify “who is polluting the world.”

China and India are the world’s top methane polluters, a recent International Energy Agency analysis found.

FTC mulling rules to control data collection by tech firms

By Marcy Gordon  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Whether it’s the fitness tracker on your wrist, the “smart” home appliances in your house or the latest kids’ fad going viral in online videos, they all produce a trove of personal data for big tech companies.

How that data is being used and protected has led to growing public concern and officials’ outrage. Federal regulators are looking at drafting rules to crack down on what they call harmful commercial surveillance and lax data security.

The Federal Trade Commission announced the initiative last week, seeking public comment on the effects of companies’ data collection and the potential benefit of new rules to protect consumers’ privacy.

The FTC defines commercial surveillance as “the business of collecting, analyzing and profiting from information about people.”

In Congress, bipartisan condemnation of the data power of Meta — the parent of Facebook and Instagram — Google and other tech giants that have earned riches by aggregating consumer information used by online advertisers, has brought national data privacy legislation to its closest point ever to passage.

Around the country, parents’ concern has deepened over the impact of social media on children. Frances Haugen, a former Facebook data scientist, stunned Congress and the public last fall when she exposed internal company research showing apparent serious harm to some teens from Instagram.

Those revelations were followed by senators grilling executives from YouTube,



Fitness trackers and other electronic devices, such as “smart” home appliances, produce a trove of personal data for big tech companies to use. JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP 2019

TikTok and Snapchat about what they’re doing to ensure young users’ safety in the wake of suicides and other harms to teens attributed by their parents to their usage of the platforms.

The Democratic members of the FTC said it’s imperative for Congress to pass a new law, but that the agency was taking action in the meantime by issuing the notice of proposed rules.

“Mass surveillance has heightened the risks and stakes of data breaches, deception, manipulation and other abuses,” the FTC said.

Agency officials noted that the FTC has brought hundreds of enforcement actions against companies over the last two decades for violations of privacy and data security. They included cases involving the sharing of health-related data with third parties, the collection and sharing of sensitive TV viewing data for targeted advertising, and failure to put in adequate security measures to protect sensitive data such as Social Security numbers.

However, the officials

said, the FTC’s ability to deter illegal conduct is limited because it generally lacks authority to seek financial penalties for initial violations of law.

“Firms now collect personal data on individuals at a massive scale and in a stunning array of contexts,” FTC Chair Lina Khan said in an online news conference. “Our goal today is to begin building a robust public record to inform whether the FTC should issue rules to address commercial surveillance and data security practices, and what those rules should potentially look like.”

Topics could include how companies use algorithms and automated systems to analyze information collected, and the potential effects of data practices.

Khan, an outspoken critic of Big Tech as a law professor, was appointed by President Joe Biden last year to head the FTC.

The rulemaking proposal was adopted in a 3-2 vote by the five FTC commissioners. Khan and the other two Democrats voted to issue it, while the two Republicans opposed it.

### MARKET RUNDOWN

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Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.95	3.05	+32.46%
<b>METALS</b>			
Gold (oz)	1,781.40	1,798.60	-2.52%
Silver (oz)	20.25	20.68	-13.19%

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Britain	1.2055	.8295	Prime rate	5.50	5.50
Canada	.7746	1.2909	3-mo. T-Bill	2.68	2.53
China	.1476	6.7735	6-mo. T-Bill	3.11	3.07
Euro	1.0156	.9847	5-yr T-Note	2.91	2.97
Japan	.007501	133.32	10-yr T-Note	2.79	2.83
Mexico	.050297	19.8817	30-yr T-Bond	3.10	3.06

#### Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	13,816.61	+20.76	+1.5%	-13.02%
London	7,509.15	+8.26	+1.1%	+1.69%
Hong Kong	20,040.86	-134.76	-.67%	-14.35%
Nikkei	28,871.78	+324.80	+1.14%	+2.8%

Stocks of Local Interest							
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG	STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	24.21	-.23	-11.0	Mullen Automotive (MULN)	.91	+.08	-82.6
AT&T Inc (T)	18.39	+.12	-25.2	Novartis AG (NVS)	85.38	-.30	-2.4
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	101.01	+.18	-29.8	Nu Holdings Ltd (NU)	4.68	+.43	-50.1
Amazon.com Inc (AMZN)	143.18	-.37	-14.1	Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	190.32	+3.23	-35.3
Amphenol Corp (APH)	79.63	+.15	-9.0	Opendoor Technol (OPEN)	6.01	-.29	-58.9
Apple Inc (AAPL)	173.19	+1.09	-2.5	Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	81.55	-.20	-6.3
Aurora Cannabis Inc (ACB)	1.89	+.14	-65.1	Palantir Technol (PLTR)	9.91	...	-45.6
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	51.11	+.22	+2.5	Pfizer Inc (PFE)	49.75	-.36	-15.7
Bank of America (BAC)	36.25	-.05	-18.5	Pitney Bowes (PBI)	3.47	+.02	-47.7
Barnes Group (B)	35.14	+.07	-24.6	Plug Power Inc (PLUG)	29.96	+.42	+6.1
Bed Bath & Beyond (BBBY)	16.00	+3.05	+9.7	Plus Therapeutics (PSTV)	.57	+.04	-46.0
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2129.76	+8.78	-11.2	Prudential FncI (PRU)	104.82	-.67	-3.2
Bristl Myr Sqb (BMY)	74.53	-1.04	+19.5	Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	68.83	+1.22	+3.1
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	106.27	-.12	+3.0	Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	96.13	+1.12	+11.7
Canopy Growth Corp (CGC)	3.82	+.52	-56.2	Regis Corp (RGS)	1.27	+.55	-27.0
Carnival Corp (CCL)	10.71	-.01	-46.8	Revlon Inc (REV)	8.57	+2.01	-24.4
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	44.41	+.44	-18.1	Rogers Corp (ROG)	269.68	+.58	-1.2
Charter Commun (CHTR)	480.92	+2.80	-26.2	S&S Technologies (SSNC)	62.69	-.02	-23.5
Cigna Corp (CI)	290.87	-.05	+27.7	Shopify Inc (SHOP)	39.84	-.92	...
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	40.57	+.57	-19.4	Snap Inc A (SNAP)	12.24	+.62	-74.0
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Embank Technology (EMBK)	.73	-.34	-91.6	Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	101.54	+1.68	-46.2
Ethan Allen (ETD)	25.99	-.23	-1.1	Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	24.29	+.10	...
Eversource Energy (ES)	93.31	+.20	+2.6	Team Inc (TISI)	1.55	+.57	+42.2
Ford Motor (F)	16.32	+.14	-21.4	Terex Corp (TEX)	37.59	+.01	-14.5
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	5.17	+.06	-.6	Tesla Inc (TSLA)	927.96	+27.87	-12.2
Gen Dynamics (GD)	241.25	+3.30	+15.7	Tilray Brands Inc (TLRY)	4.29	+.26	-39.0
Gen Electric (GE)	79.81	-.12	-15.5	Timber Pharmaceutic (TMBR)	.13	-.01	-66.1
Ginkgo Bioworks Hldg (DNA)	3.49	-.14	-58.0	Travelers Cos (TRV)	172.16	+.60	+10.1
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Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	50.40	-.80	-26.2	XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	60.48	+.36	-21.9
M&T Bank (MTB)	190.25	+.43	+23.9	Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	19.11	-.03	-15.6
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	35.54	-.06	-20.8				
Magic Empire Gbl (MEGL)	17.73	+9.51	-84.8				
MetLife Inc (MET)	67.34	-.47	+7.8				

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The Rockford Peaches line up in the series “A League of Their Own.” ANNE MARIE FOX/AMAZON PRIME VIDEO

# ‘As original as we could make it’

## How Amazon Prime’s ‘A League of Their Own’ stands up to original ’90s movie

**By Jackie Varriano**  
The Seattle Times

I, like many women of my generation, absolutely LOVED the 1992 movie “A League of Their Own.” Because of that, I got goose bumps the first time I saw the trailer for the new “A League of Their Own” TV series, which premiered Friday on Amazon Prime Video. The previews of the eight-episode reboot have fans like me excited to get another glimpse of the world of women’s baseball in the ’40s. But that doesn’t mean we’re not apprehensive, nervous about what we’ll see and how it compares to the nostalgia felt about that film.

In an interview with The Hollywood Reporter, co-creator and star Abbi Jacobson warns viewers that the show will be “as original as we could make it, being based on that real league,” referring to the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, but adds there will be nods to the movie. The trailers hint at racial tension and same-sex romance — and at first blush it appears the beloved movie has been updated to bring issues of

race and gender to the forefront. Of course, there are going to be differences between a two-hour movie and an eight-episode show simply because there is so much more time. And that’s really what this show is about in a sense — turning the volume up on things the movie was only able to briefly touch upon while also muting things that were at the center of the film.

The show opens in 1943, in the fictional town of Lake Valley, Idaho, with catcher Carson Shaw (Jacobson) running down a tree-lined dirt road, a train slowly passing just beyond her.

Then, in a nod to the Penny Marshall movie starring Geena Davis and Tom Hanks, Carson nearly misses the train, throwing her bags in just as Davis’ character, catcher Dottie Hinson, did in the film. This time, however, the conductor is not pleased and after she makes her way to her seat, a little boy looks back at her and says, “You look crazy.” That (and the swearing) is your first clue the show isn’t going to be just like the movie. When we meet Carson, she’s

already been scouted (Jon Lovitz’s problematic scout Ernie Capadino apparently deemed extraneous). When she lands in Chicago for tryouts and walks onto the field, we’re almost eight minutes into the episode and already at tryouts (as opposed with nearly a half-hour in the movie).

The film’s central struggle between Dottie and her grouching sister Kit Keller (the incomparable Lori Petty) is eliminated. Carson has a sister — but she’s only seen off-screen (and is incredibly unsupportive of Carson’s baseball antics). Instead, the show highlights the relationships the players develop, showing how a group of strangers with a myriad of personalities bump and bristle against one another on their way to becoming a team.

Also shoved to the background is the role of the coach — portrayed here as the slippery former MLB player Dove Porter (Nick Offerman), who is decidedly uncharismatic. And before anyone thinks the movie was squeaky clean — remember that charismatic coach Jimmy Dugan (Hanks) signs a baseball for two boys with the inscription, “Avoid the clap, Jimmy Dugan” and tells someone: “Girls are what you sleep with after the game, not what you coach during the game.”

This truly is a show about the women.

First, there are several nods to the original movie. When Carson steps off that train she’s in a baseball uniform with the words “Jensen’s Seed” on the back, styled almost exactly like the “Larsen’s Dairy” jerseys Dottie and Kit wore in the film. Many of the players in the new show are styled similarly to ones in the film. The pinup-esque Greta Gill (D’Arcy Carden) is an obvious nod to Madonna’s sultry Mae Mordabito, just as Jo De Luca (Melanie Field) brings to mind Rosie O’Donnell’s wisecracking Doris Murphy. There’s a sweet, giddy blonde in the style of Evelyn Gardner (the recipient of Jimmy’s iconic “no crying in baseball” line) and a stern, unflinching chaperone.

However, the looks are where the similarities end. There’s room for these characters to breathe and become three-dimensional in a way Mae and Doris couldn’t. There’s also more time spent with other players on the team that lends a richness to this world that goes beyond flashy baseball montages.

And while the original film gave only the briefest of nods to Black women and their inability to

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# Martin, Short on ‘Murders on Melrose Place’?

## Duo talk how Hulu show has impacted both their careers

**By Glenn Whipp**  
Los Angeles Times

Martin Short is relaxing in an Adirondack chair at his summer cottage in Rosseau, Ontario, a couple hours north of his Canadian birthplace and three time zones ahead of his longtime friend and “Only Murders in the Building” co-star, Steve Martin, who’s joining us from his Santa Barbara home.

As for Martin ... well, he isn’t so relaxed.

“I hear chewing!” he says, turning his attention away from the screen to find his family’s 12-week-old puppy, a Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever named Sonny. It’s not the first time Martin will pop up from his chair in this hour to see what Sonny is doing, nor will it be the last.

“Clearly, he’s been put in charge for the first time ever,” Short says during one of Martin’s fretful checks on Sonny’s whereabouts. We’re puzzled, though. Martin is in a small, spotless room sporting a treadmill and gym equipment — “Have you ever thought of using that?” Short asks him at the outset

— and his worry over the puppy doing what puppies sometimes do seems a bit inflated.

“What is going on here? Your whole house is made out of cement! What does it matter if he pees?” Short asks.

Speaking with Martin and Short, who met 36 years ago on the set of “Three Amigos!” goes exactly how you’d imagine. It’s delightful. Their comic antennae are sharply attuned to the small gaps in the conversation that provide an opportunity to poke fun at the other’s foibles. Part of this is performance. But it’s also clear that they take great pleasure in landing a perfectly timed putdown that might generate a smile of appreciation or, who knows, maybe a laugh. It’s not one-upmanship exactly. More a playful game of tag.

For instance, we’re talking about the duo’s recent three-night run at the Hollywood Bowl. I ask if the success of “Only Murders in the Building” — the most-watched comedy in the history of Hulu and a 17-time Emmy nominee, including lead nods for its two stars — has brought a new audience to their stage show. Their co-star and fellow executive producer, Selena Gomez, has marveled that more older people now know her. Was the reverse true?



Selena Gomez, from left, Steve Martin and Martin Short in “Only Murders In the Building.” CRAIG BLANKENHORN/HULU

“I think that more young people know who we are, but that doesn’t make them fans,” Martin, 76, says. “It just makes them aware of us.”

“What if they like my character work in the show?” Short, 72, asks, setting up his partner. Martin pauses for timing. “Yeeaaah.” Pause. “They’re still not fans. They’re more like, ‘Uh-huh. Have you seen his char-

acter work? Uh-huh.’

“And Marty’s performance,” Martin continues, “generally they don’t boo at the Hollywood Bowl because it’s a fun night and it’s outdoors.”

“I heard triumph,” Short counters. Martin leaves again to go check on the dog. I tell Short that from where I was sitting at the Bowl, there was nothing but love.

“That’s because people text

their boos now,” Martin says, returning to his seat. Short had been noting how gratifying it felt when the Bowl audience roared its approval when an image from “Only Murders in the Building” showed up during a preshow montage of their comic careers.

“You know what really helped us understand our [stage] show better is when we treated the theater like it was a wedding,” Martin says. “And Marty’s people would sit on one side and my people would sit on the other side. And Marty’s side had always just a little bit of empty seats. Let’s put it that way.”

Sure, Steve. But their balance on “Murders” is perfect with Martin and Short playing lonely showbiz castaways finding a renewed lease on life when they meet Gomez’s mysterious Mabel after a resident in their Upper West Side apartment building turns up dead. The trio don’t know each other at the outset, but a shared love for true-crime podcasts prompts them to join forces, investigate the murder and share their findings on their own true-crime audio show. The series’ second season finds them digging into another murder. Presumably, the third season will produce another case.

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NOW PLAYING

Reviews of movies showing  
in theaters or streaming online

**‘BULLET TRAIN’:** In “Bullet Train,” Brad Pitt plays a lovable-loser assassin (code name: Ladybug) bent on self-improvement. He’s an easygoing sweetie, in the spirit of John Cusack’s gun-for-hire in “Grosse Pointe Blank,” to name one film you may wish you were rewatching instead of watching this one. This one’s well made in its chosen attack. It’s fun for a while. And then, not so much. An adaptation of the 2010 Kotaro Isaka novel, one of his popular “Hitmen” series, “Bullet Train” has been cast, deftly, with actors ready to play. Even Pitt, never much in the verbal-facility or quick-time dialogue department, loosens up and finds an effective sweet spot at the intersection of unkillable tough guy and exasperated bad-luck charm. For an Americanized version of Japanese source material (well, internationalized, in terms of casting, but heavy on the Anglos), director David Leitch makes sound business sense behind the camera. 2:06. 2 stars. — *Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune*

**‘DC LEAGUE OF SUPER-PETS’:** The DC Comics Cinematic Universe has mostly taken a dark, gritty approach to blockbuster comic book movies. But perhaps there’s another way to explore the world of the Justice League that’s a bit more warm, cuddly and friendly. That’s the thesis presented by the animated movie “DC League of Super-Pets,” which combines several elements that have already proven successful to create a family friendly access point to the worlds of Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman and their gang of super-heroes. The voice cast is packed with favorite comedy actors, including Kate McKinnon, Vanessa Bayer, Natasha Lyonne, Jemaine Clement, John Early and Marc Maron.

But most importantly, it teams Dwayne Johnson and Kevin Hart in the lead roles of Krypto the Super-Dog and Ace, a rescue mutt. Johnson and Hart have had quite the success in their odd couple pairing in films such as “Central Intelligence” and “Jumanji,” and “DC League of Super-Pets” relies on their lively banter to sell the enemies-to-friends story at the center of the film. 1:46. 2 ½ stars. — *Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service*

**‘EMILY THE CRIMINAL’:** Emily (Aubrey Plaza) is a caterer, barely getting by, with \$70,000 in student loans and an aggravated assault conviction blocking access to better-paying jobs. A co-worker mentions a side hustle he once tried: a credit card scam, run by an enterprising family working out of a warehouse. Using fake cards and false IDs, the so-called “dummy shoppers” use the cards to buy merchandise, deliver it to the boss and get their modest cut. Emily’s first purchase is a \$2,000 TV. Her commission: \$200. It’s a start. Soon she graduates to riskier, more expensive fake purchases. Where “Emily the Criminal” goes from there combines familiar ingredients in an absorbing fashion. This is a film shot in real apartments and offices on a tight budget. Theo Rossi brings a shrewd, watchful quality to the role of Youcef, Emily’s handler and, eventually, lover. He’s part of an extended family (also in on the charge card scam) that is posing an increasing threat to both him and Emily. At one point, Emily lands a job interview at her friend’s ad agency, run by a smiling shark (Gina Gershon, perfect). The confrontation between these two, like the rest of this efficient, confident film, wastes no time and lets the actors take care of business. 1:35. 3 stars. — *Michael Phillips*



Diane Keaton in a scene from “Mack & Rita.” **GRAVITAS**

**‘MACK & RITA’:** Who doesn’t love Diane Keaton? Or frankly, want to be Diane Keaton? The Oscar-winning star has had a film and television career spanning six decades, she’s a fashion icon, and she’s done it all in her own singularly unique and quirky way. It’s not surprising then, that in the fantastical and fluffy comedy “Mack & Rita,” written by Madeline Walter and Paul Welsh, directed by Katie Aselton, a struggling young writer wishes to be as cool and confident as Keaton herself, or someone like her, as in, older. Rendered literal, that wish results in a tale that could be described as “Freaky Friday” meets “Old.” It’s a cute concept, but one that turns out to be a lemon once you start kicking the tires. 1:35. 2 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

**‘MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU’:** I could not possibly begin to explain just how these hot dog-shaped, banana-hued, gibberish-speaking overlords came to infiltrate our culture at every level. The grasp these inexpli-

cable animated creatures hold on cinema is insidious, and they continue their reign of terror in their latest cinematic dispatch, “Minions: The Rise of Gru.” They’ve overthrown their masters in the “Despicable Me” franchise, wrestling top billing away for themselves. “The Rise of Gru” is just another “Despicable Me” movie, a supervillain origin story for beaky-nosed, scarf-wearing, evil aspirant Gru (Steve Carell). 1:27. 1 star. — *Katie Walsh*

**‘NOPE’:** In “Nope,” writer/director Jordan Peele presents us with a big, shiny summer blockbuster — a cowboys and aliens riff built from the DNA of sci-fi spectacles of yore — and then proceeds to vivisection the very notion of a summer blockbuster before our eyes. He wants us to question the nature of image-making, and he starts at the beginning of film history, with photographer Eadweard Muybridge. In 1878, Muybridge crafted the first known example of the “moving pictures”: a two-second clip called

“The Horse in Motion,” made up of sequential photographs of a jockey riding a race horse. That the jockey on the horse — the first person featured in the movies — is Black, and unknown, is the starting point for Peele’s exploration of seeing and the seen in “Nope,” which interrogates the power of images, who gets to create them, and who gets the credit. These are complex questions, but Peele has wrapped them up in an incredibly original, and entertaining, piece of sci-fi filmmaking that is both unlike, and like, anything you’ve ever seen before. 2:10. 3 ½ stars. — *Katie Walsh*

**‘ROGUE AGENT’:** As the old saying goes, the truth is always stranger than fiction, and indeed there are some true stories so strange that they can’t be fully expressed with familiar modes of storytelling. Such is the case of “Rogue Agent,” a film that unfolds as a spy thriller and romantic drama before it takes a hard left into the seamy world of

scam artistry. Alice Archer (Gemma Arterton), a litigation solicitor, is a powerful businesswoman who falls in with Robert Freegard (James Norton), going by the surname Hansen, while he’s working, or posing, as a luxury car salesman. Alice is smart, running a background check on Robert, though her fears about his mysterious past are assuaged when he reveals he’s an MI5 spy. Alice’s intuition, as well as her private investigator, win out, but not after she’s started a business with him and made plans for the future. Streaming on AMC+. 1:56. 2 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

**‘THOR: LOVE AND THUNDER’:** This is co-writer and director Taika Waititi’s aggressively nutty follow-up to “Thor: Ragnarok” (2017). That film zapped up Thor’s corner of the Marvel Cinematic Universe enough to justify more of the same. “Love and Thunder” establishes in the prologue the latest threat to intergalactic extinction: an ordinary soul on a planet far, far away, played by Christian Bale, wandering with his daughter in the desert. He suffers a grievous loss and then transforms into Gorr, the God Butcher, hellbent on wiping out those privileged paragons who, in this outing, forsake mere mortals left, right and center. Chris Hemsworth’s Thor is learning, uneasily, to be a more progressive and empathic specimen of godly hunk, a team player instead of a solo act. The storyline concerns, among other things, the children of New Asgard, swept up and kidnapped by Gorr. Their rescue leads the A-team straight to the enemy. 2:05. 2 ½ stars. — *Michael Phillips*

**RATINGS:** The movies listed are rated according to the following key: 4 stars, excellent; 3 stars, good; 2 stars, fair; 1 star, poor.



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## League

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participate in the league, the show fully integrates those characters with fiery pitcher Max Chapman (Chante Adams) and her comic book-loving artist best friend Clance Morgan (Gbemisola Ikumelo).

It also amplifies same-sex relationships and all that implied during a time when being what the show calls an “invert” or queer was punishable by law. There is a scene in the second episode where the players attend a similar sort of charm school as was seen in the film (and in real life), except this time not passing as ladylike didn’t just mean the player got more makeup, it meant their dismissal.

“It’s so we don’t look like a bunch of queers,” Greta hisses at Carson, who is making light of the situation.

In terms of similarities to the real league, I asked

Snohomish, Washington, resident Jeneane Lesko, a former AAGPBL player and Grand Rapids Chick, to watch the first two episodes and give me her opinion on historical accuracy.

She calls me from Los Angeles, having been invited there with a few other players for the premiere. For her, the show feels much like the movie in that, “It’s Hollywood taking a different perspective.”

Lesko knows there were same-sex relationships in that time period, and there were talented Black women who weren’t allowed to play in the league. But neither of those things were as overt in her time playing in the league, she said. Nor does she deny that in the first year of the league, women faced discrimination and hecklers — as they do in both the film and television versions.

But she stresses that her experience was all about the baseball and how love for the game brought the women together no matter

who they loved or what they did. All the rest of it — the swearing, the drinking, the kissing — it’s all Hollywood.

And while Lesko says the film also had that Hollywood sheen to it, there was lots to love about it. Davis’ charisma, the vitality she brought to her character and how you couldn’t take your eyes off her anytime she was on screen. Then there was the chemistry between Dottie and Jimmy, and the letdown when her fuddy duddy husband Bob “assistant manager at the dairy” Hinson shows up with his “hiya cutie” just in time to ruin everything.

But as the show moves past the first two episodes, the love of baseball is the thread that begins to sew all the character development together.

Lesko admits she’s anxious to see the rest of the show. And despite the absence of Dottie Hinson, I think everyone else will be, too.

## Murders

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It’s a big building with a lot of residents. “Murders” could go on indefinitely.

“I don’t think we can knock off more than 10 and still be considered legitimate,” Martin says, smiling.

If they run out of ideas, they could always take the show on the road. What would “Only Murders in the Building” look like in Los Angeles?

“Somehow I just don’t picture underground parking like at a Wilshire condo,” Martin says. “The big difference is these buildings are old. They’re built in the pre-’30s.” He considers the LA landscape. “There’s this fabulous old building — a couple of them, I lived in one of them — called La Fontaine at Crescent Heights and Fountain. And it looks like it’s from France in the 19th century. There you could do something.”

Maybe we’re forgetting “Melrose Place,” the Fox prime-time soap opera

from the ’90s. There must have been a murder or two there.

“Oh, absolutely,” Short says with authority. “It’s kind of old news.”

“And also you have murdered on ‘Melrose Place,’ as I recall,” Martin offers.

A little-known guest spot that Short did?

“It wasn’t a nomination,” Short says without missing a beat. “But it should have been.”

“He kept saying, ‘What if it was “Only Murders on Melrose Place”?’ What if? What if?” Martin says. “I couldn’t figure out why you kept saying that.” Short laughs in appreciation. “Well, now you know.”

Gomez has praised her co-stars’ willingness to listen and offer advice when asked. What was the best piece of advice they received when they were her age?

Answers Short: “Bernie Brillstein was my manager for years and he would say, ‘It’s only show business, kid. Don’t take it serious.’ ”

“If someone told me that, I’d say, ‘You’re crazy,’ ” Martin counters. “I take it seriously.”

“Well, that is why Steve is worth a trillion dollars and I am hanging on by a thread,” Short says.

“Yeah, there at your cottage at Rosseau,” Martin answers affectionately. He goes on to remember a mentor who taught him how to tuck in his shirt like a show business professional — reach through the fly of your trousers and pull the shirt down from the inside — during his performing days at Knott’s Berry Farm’s Bird Cage Theatre.

“So let me understand this,” Short says, trying to process Martin’s anecdote. “If you had never met him, you’d have never figured that out?”

“It’s not a common model,” Martin answers. “He actually showed me how to do it with his own hand.”

Short bursts out laughing. Sonny the puppy takes notice and bounds back into the picture.



CELEBRITIES

Etheridge staging off-Broadway show

From news services

Rocker Melissa Etheridge has found a new stage: The Grammy and Oscar winner will unveil a solo show mixing her music and stories off-Broadway.

“Melissa Etheridge: My Window — A Journey Through Life” will play for 12 performances only starting Oct. 13 at the midtown venue New World Stages. “While I’ve been telling my life stories through my lyrics and concert tours for many years, this is going to be something new for me,” Etheridge said in a statement.

Etheridge, best known for her songs “Come to My Window” and “I’m the Only One,” has been smitten by theater all her life and even stepped into the Green Day musical “American Idiot” for eight shows in 2011 on Broadway.

Etheridge’s new show will have songs and stories, “from tales of her childhood in Kansas to her groundbreaking career highlights — with all of life’s hits and deep cuts between,” producers said in a statement.

**Kotsur reunited with Oscar:** “CODA” star Troy Kotsur said his car was stolen in Arizona with his Oscar trophy inside — and police say the vehicle has since been returned to the actor along with “all the property” that was in it.

The Mesa Police Department confirmed Kotsur’s car was stolen in the city. “Once Mr. Kotsur notified the department of the theft, officers began their investigation and ... they located the vehicle with two juvenile male suspects inside,” the police department said in a statement.

Kotsur, who is from Mesa, wrote in a since-deleted tweet that his Jeep was stolen with his Oscar inside, and thanked Mesa officials for reuniting him with both, according to NBC’s “Today” show.

Kotsur, 54, became the



Melissa Etheridge, seen March 10, will mix music and stories in her solo off-Broadway show. EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION

first deaf man to win an Oscar when he was named best supporting actor this year for his role in “CODA.”

**Lizzo to perform at VMAs:** Lizzo will perform during the MTV Video Music Awards this month, organizers announced Monday. The pop and hip-hop singer headlines the latest group of performers to be unveiled, along with rapper Jack Harlow, K-pop supergroup Blackpink, and Italian rock band Maneskin. Harlow’s seven nominations at this year’s show are tied with Kendrick Lamar and Lil Nas X for the most of any artist. Both Lizzo and Harlow are nominated for artist of the year. The awards show will air live Aug. 28 on MTV.

**Actor Dowse dies:** Denise Dowse, a prolific performer known for roles in “Insecure” and “Beverly

Hills, 90210,” has died at age 64, her manager confirmed Sunday. Dowse’s sister, Tracey Dowse, shared last week on social media that the character actor had fallen into a coma induced by “a virulent form of meningitis.” In “Beverly Hills, 90210,” Denise Dowse played Yvonne Teasley, the vice principal of West Beverly Hills High School. She also portrayed therapist Dr. Rhonda Pine in “Insecure.”

**Aug. 16 birthdays:** Actor Julie Newmar is 89. Actor Lesley Ann Warren is 76. Actor Marshall Manesh is 72. Actor Reginald VelJohnson is 70. TV personality Kathie Lee Gifford is 69. Director James Cameron is 68. Actor Angela Bassett is 64. Singer Madonna is 64. Actor Steve Carell is 60. Actor Cristin Milioti is 37. Singer Dan Smyers is 35.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Online dater matched with real-life crush

**Dear Amy:** What is the proper way to handle being matched on a dating site with someone you’ve previously met in person?

I am 51, professionally successful and single. I recently matched online with a man I met through a networking opportunity a few years ago.

He helped to coordinate my interviews at the company he worked for.

Just before the pandemic, he suggested finally meeting in person, as my interviews had gone well, and even if they didn’t hire me for that position, he wanted to stay in touch.

We met for coffee and had a good conversation.

From a networking perspective, it was a success. He was also one of the nicest and most attractive men I’ve ever met.

I’ve had no contact with him since, over two years ago, and I just “matched” online with him!

If he asked, I would go out with him in a heartbeat. But if he’s not interested, I don’t want to ruin a professional contact.

My choices are: I can do nothing. I can block him so he can’t see my profile. Or I could send him a “smile” or message through the app or email, acknowledging the match and indicating interest in a date, while protecting future professional contact and not embarrassing myself.

I think I’d rather take a chance on love than a new job, but I feel so awkward and so far out of my comfort zone.

Maybe he has the exact same dilemma as I have regarding professional vs. personal contact.

What do you think?  
— *Woman On the Fence*

**Dear On the Fence:** This is a great question, and as this plays out we either have the first scene for a galloping workplace rom-com, a fantastic story to tell at your wedding or a neutral but nice near-miss. I don’t really see a huge downside for you.

The fact that — pre-pandemic — this man chose to meet you in-person after coordinating interviews (which did not lead to employment) indicates some interest on his part.

Now that Cupid’s algorithm has matched you, you could respond with a short note: “Hi. I remember meeting you for coffee back in the ‘before times,’ and thank you again for meeting me that day. I eventually got a job at Cybertech and have been mainly working remotely lately. Your interviewing coaching did help! Are you still at TechBubble? I suppose it was bound to happen to someone at some point but honestly, I have never been matched online with someone I’d met IRL. Awkward, for sure — but funny, too.”

Leave a response to him.

**Dear Amy:** I am an old grandma with 10 step-grandchildren, the youngest of which is 18 and in her first year of college.

That child receives a substantial scholarship from me for her college.

Of the 10 grandkids, she is the only one who does not follow me on my cat’s Instagram account.

She does follow her other grandma on Instagram, which is perplexing to me.

Not that I am begging for followers, but I think it’s a

charitable and loving thing to do, especially when I have been generous and loving toward her.

Am I wrong to think that would be a loving thing for her to do?

It’s just a cat account for Pete’s sake!  
— *Upset Grandmother*

**Dear Grandmother:** Yes, it’s just a cat account, for Pete’s sake. And yet, for you it doesn’t seem to be just a cat account.

You have been careful to mention your financial support to this granddaughter. Are you implying that you are buying followers? I hope not.

Ask your granddaughter: “Did you know that ‘Muffin’ has become an Instagram influencer? I’d love it if you would follow the account. I’m having a lot of fun with it.”

It is not fair for you to imply that this is a primary way for your granddaughter to love you. It is one way for her to love you, but it is not the only way.

**Dear Amy:** I liked your response to “Estranged,” but it didn’t go far enough. Estranged and her brother were dealing with a mother who had taken extraordinary steps to contact them.

I was surprised that you didn’t mention the possibility of them getting a restraining order. Their mother is stalking them.  
— *Been There*

**Dear Been There:** Several readers mentioned this. Thank you all.

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TV Q&A

Why is show ‘America’s Got Talent’ when contestants come from all over?

By Rich Heldenfels  
Tribune News Service

**Q:** I’m curious if you know why the show is called “America’s Got Talent” when so many wonderful acts come from other countries? Some of these acts come a long distance, and I’m guessing at great expense to perform. Some acts come from countries that have their own talent shows. Maybe they should call it “The World’s Got Talent.”

**A:** The show is American branded in part to distinguish it from the many, many other “Got Talent” shows in countries around the world. In addition, the rules for the show require an American connection: that contestants be either a U.S. citizen or a legal permanent resident of the U.S., possess a work permit for the U.S., or at least are in the U.S. legally.

**Q:** What is the difference between a showrunner and a producer?

**A:** In short, a showrunner is a producer but not all producers are showrunners. Producers are managers; the Producers Guild of America says they “shoulder the responsibility for the tone and tenor of productions.” There are more than a dozen different types of producers listed by the PGA for film, TV and other media. The top credit is executive producer, who “has final responsibility for the creative and business aspects of the production of the series,” according to the PGA’s guidelines. While a show may have several executive producers, the one designated as the showrunner “has ultimate managerial and creative control” over a TV series, as Merriam-Webster.com puts it. Now, titles and responsibilities may be more complicated in the actual doings on a show. But basically, when you see



Howie Mandel, a judge on “America’s Got Talent,” at the season 17 live show at the Sheraton Pasadena Hotel on Aug. 9 in Pasadena, California. FRAZER HARRISON/GETTY

a producer talking about the course a show is taking, it’s usually a showrunner doing the talking.

**Q:** I think Denzel Washington is fantastic in the “Equalizer” movies. Will there be a third?

**A:** Yes. It will reportedly arrive in September 2023. Antoine Fuqua, who directed the first two “Equalizer” films with Washington, is back at the helm for the third.

If you are also a fan of the current “Equalizer” TV series starring Queen Latifah, it begins a third season Oct. 2 on CBS.

**Q:** After watching all six episodes of “Dark Winds” on AMC this summer, I wonder if there is going to be a second season. It sure looks like it could go on.

**A:** The series based on Tony Hillerman’s novels will be back for a second six-episode run in 2023. But it will have a new showrunner, John Wirth, succeeding Vince Calandra from the first season.

**Q:** I seem to remember a Sean Connery movie where a young man runs errands for him. I seem to recall especially a scene where Connery says socks should be put on inside out so the seams are not

next to the foot. He also befriends the young man and helps him in some manner. I cannot remember anything else.

**A:** That is “Finding Forrester,” from 2000. Connery plays a reclusive writer who becomes a friend and mentor to a young man (Rob Brown) who in turn helps the writer. The cast also includes Anna Paquin and F. Murray Abraham. Mike Rich wrote it, and Gus Van Sant directed.

**Q:** I ran across a VHS tape with a bunch of old TV shows, and one about a guy named Doe, no first name. I missed the opening credits, so I don’t know the name of the show or who the guy is. Nobody knew where he came from. Any answers?

**A:** Most likely you saw an episode of “John Doe,” a series that originally aired on Fox in 2002-03. Dominic Purcell starred as a man who seemed to know everything — except who he was.

Do you have a question or comment about entertainment past, present and future? Write to Rich Heldenfels, P.O. Box 417, Mogadore, OH 44260, or brenfels@gmail.com. Letters may be edited.

HOROSCOPES

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**Aries (March 21-April 19):** Meeting your current financial goals may be possible. You probably have more agency than you think you do. You might have to find a sense of security based on your footing rather than a more tried-and-true path.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Your creative brainstorming could really be onto something at this time. Not much is likely to hold you back, save for your potential inhibitions. While you may believe that some things are impossible based on what you’ve always been taught, perhaps you can wind up doing them anyway.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20):** You know the answer to a problem you’re having. While you may be holding back because you’re afraid of not getting what you want, taking a risk and opening up can deepen a relationship that’s involved in the situation. Perhaps the other person has similar aspirations.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22):** Your friends may be really inspiring at the moment, and it could be hard not to idealize them. Still, don’t discount what you bring to the table yourself. To do this, you might also need to claim your own authority. This will unsettle the group’s power dynamics, which will be worth it!

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** You’re capable of making practical progress. The hard part might be getting past your own expectations. Once you get concrete results, though, your feeling of well-earned pride will likely be compelling enough to erase your fear of missing out. Do what moves you forward.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Express your beliefs on a controversial issue today. You could have to decide whether you’re more interested in total freedom to vent everything on your mind or in building intimacy with someone important to you. You must be realistic enough to acknowledge each person’s sensitivities.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You need some time by yourself to digest some shocking information. Letting someone close to you follow their own path might be a bit upsetting. Reworking the relationship to give your loved one more space will benefit you. Find your grounded center first.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You could be pleasantly surprised today by the discovery that the collaborator you’ve been looking for is already in your social network. You can become aware of any opportunities hiding in plain sight. As you start chatting about your prospects, don’t get tripped up in the details.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Keeping an eye on your larger professional goals could give you the big-picture perspective you need to adjust your current daily workflow. Finding a way to bring a touch of what you personally find fun into your routine duties can help you stay motivated.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Doing something that stimulates your curiosity and intellectual passions can help you snap out of whatever emotional rut you may feel stuck in at the moment. Physically going somewhere new is ideal. Either way, you could definitely use a reminder that the world is bigger than your immediate circle.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** A big change at home might now be necessary, but making it happen smoothly will require some thought. Hiding your true feelings isn’t likely to be successful. Be honest about where you’re at, even if you know the “right” answer would be something different.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):** A free-flowing conversation can be just the thing to break you out of an impasse now. At least one of the people involved in the situation will be more reasonable one on one. Picking their brain for insights could help you understand what’s motivating others.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

**On Aug. 16, 1861,** President Abraham Lincoln issued Proclamation 86, which prohibited the states of the Union from engaging in commercial trade with states that were in rebellion — i.e., the Confederacy.

**In 1948,** baseball legend Babe Ruth died in New York at age 53.

**In 1962,** the Beatles fired their original drummer, Pete Best, replacing him with Ringo Starr.

**In 1977,** Elvis Presley died at his Graceland estate in Memphis, Tennessee, at age 42.

**In 1978,** James Earl Ray,

convicted assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., told a Capitol Hill hearing he did not commit the crime, saying he’d been set up by a mysterious man called “Raoul.”

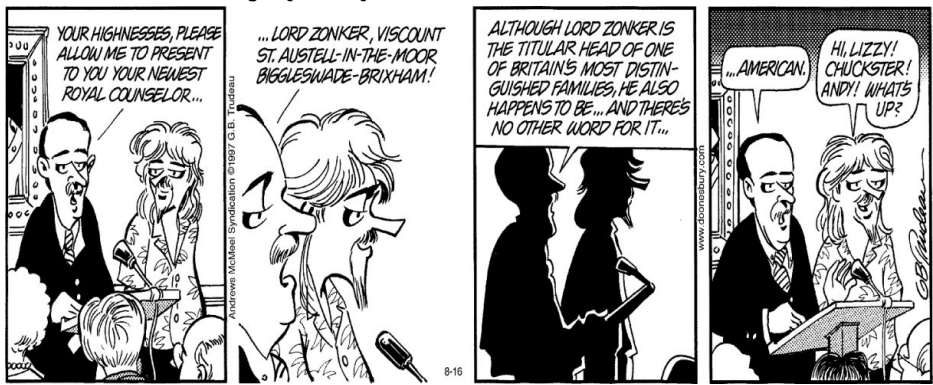
**In 1987,** people worldwide began a two-day celebration of the “harmonic convergence,” which heralded what believers called the start of a new, purer age of humankind.



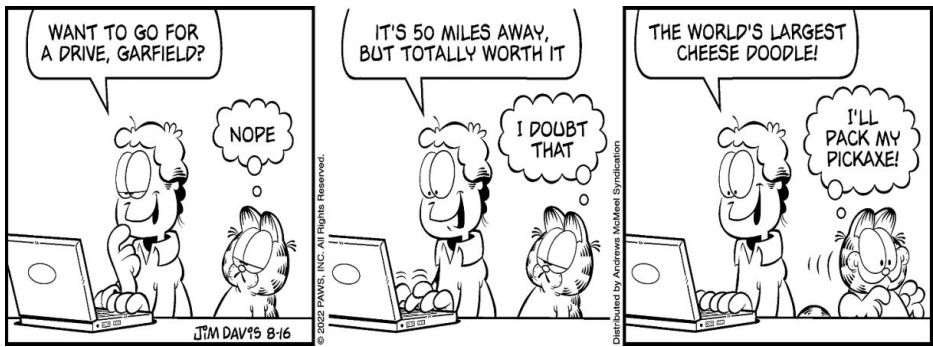
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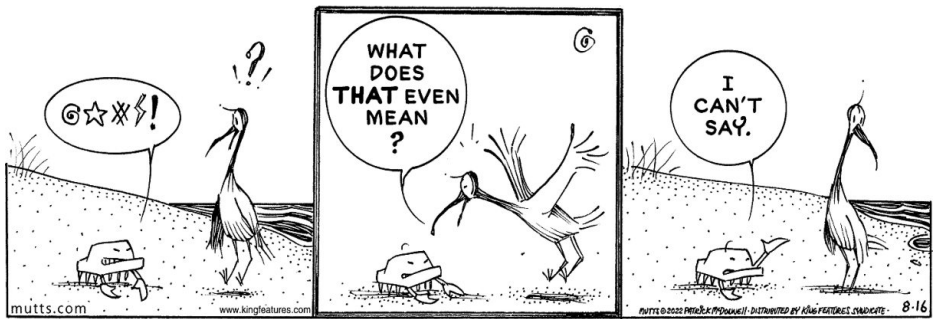
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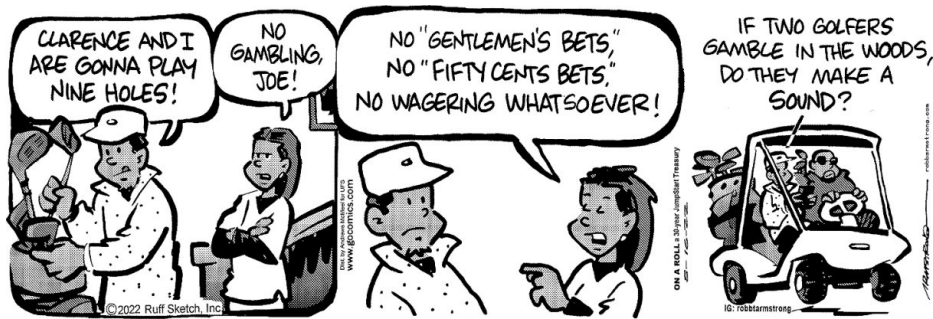
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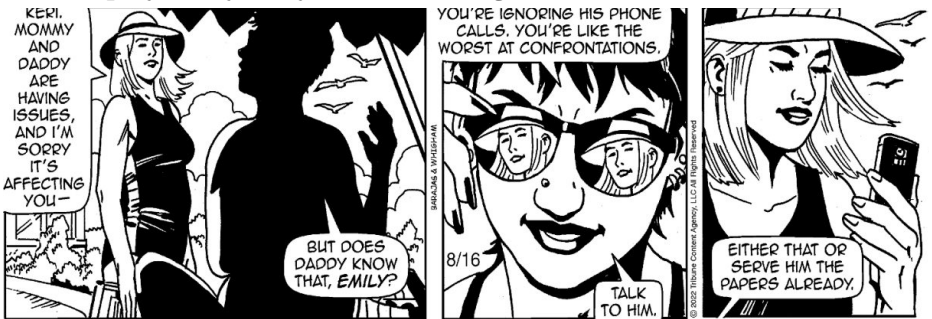
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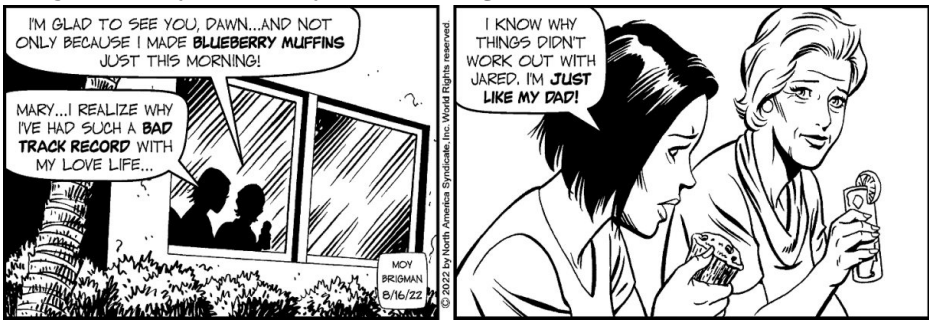
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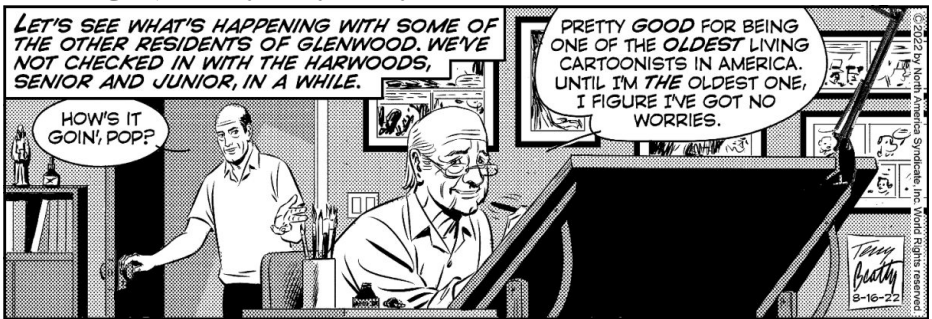
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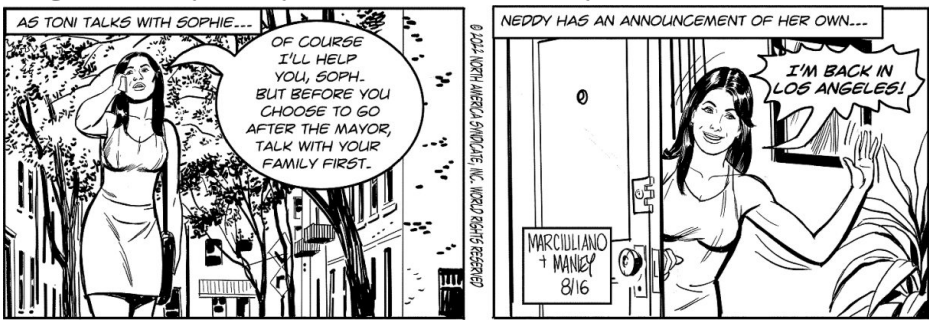
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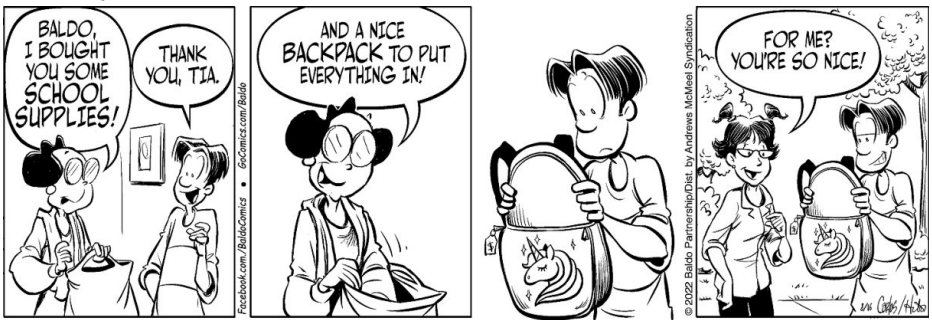
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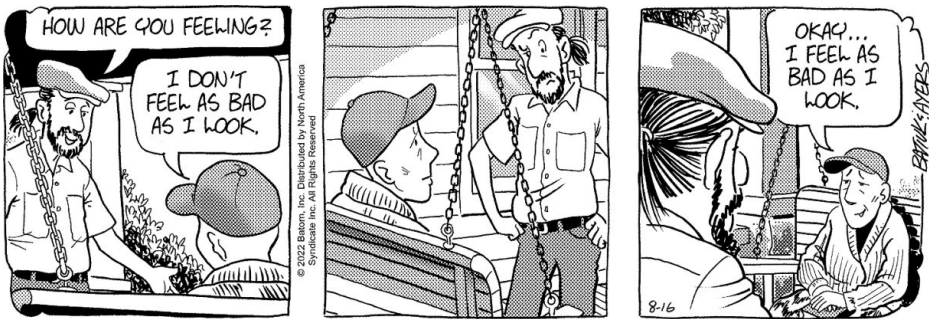
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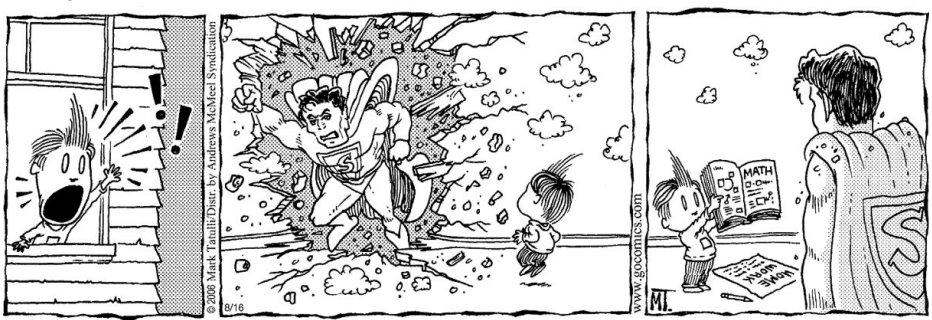
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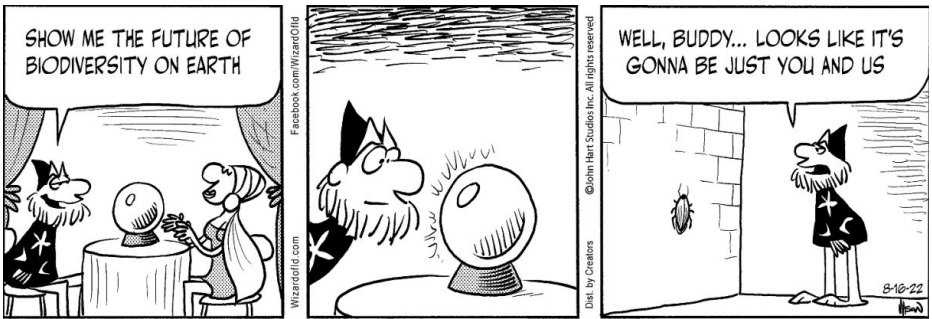
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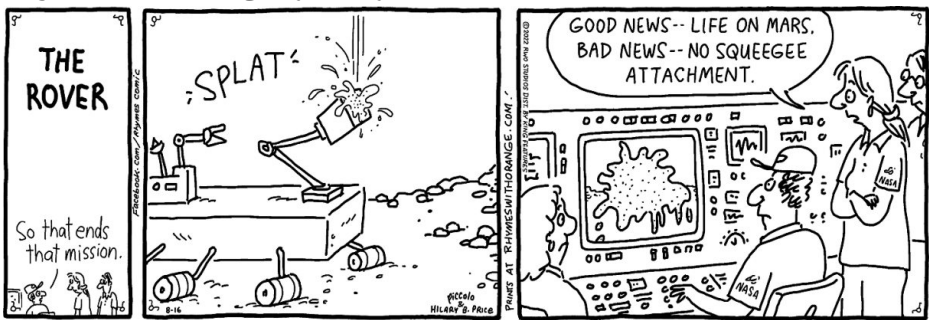
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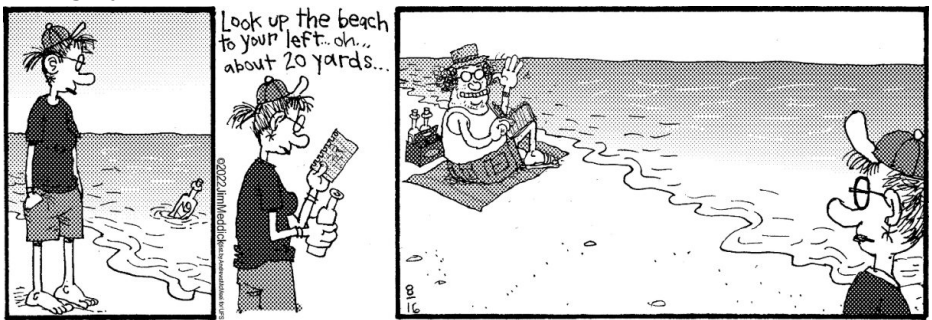
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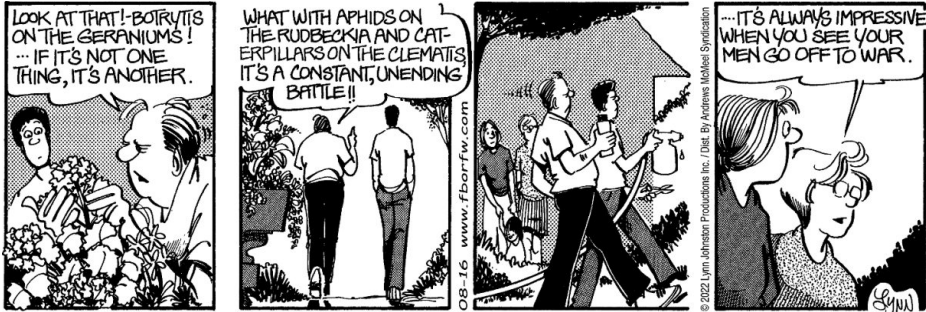
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BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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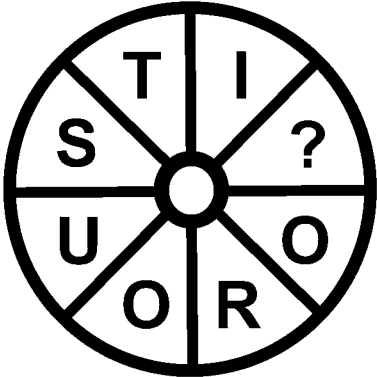
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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: social media

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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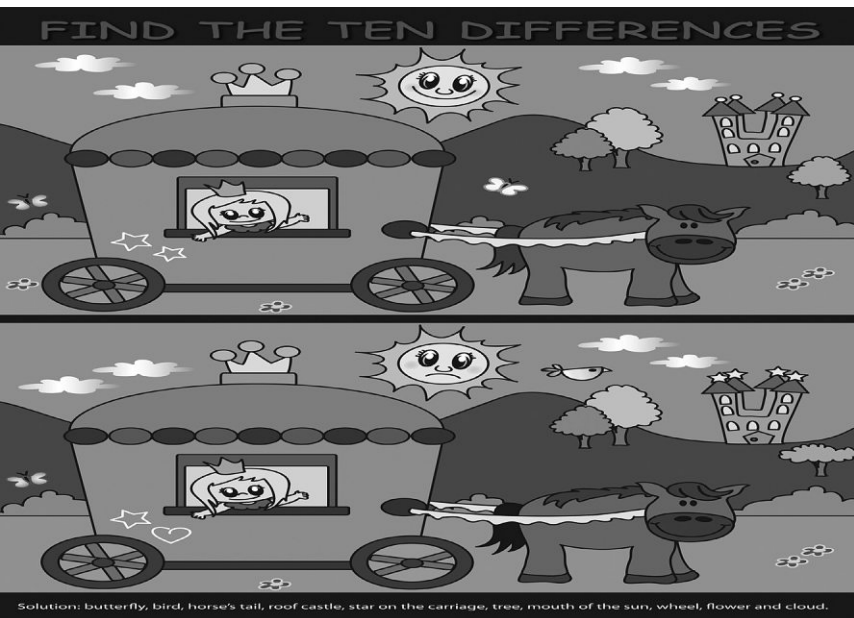
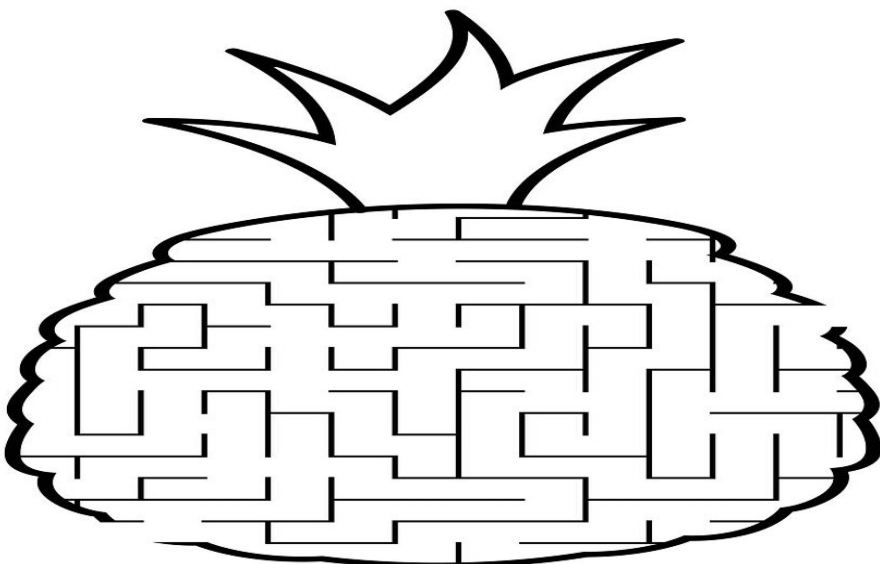
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- 33 Invisible emanations
- 34 "\_\_\_ Doubtfire"
- 36 "\_\_\_ Lisa Smile"; movie for Julia Roberts
- 37 "\_\_\_ Me No Flowers"; Doris Day/Rock Hudson film
- 39 Furniture wood
- 40 Brief life sketch

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with City of Hartford Municipal Code Section 29-16, the Hartford Police Department is in possession of unclaimed found property for which the owner cannot be located.

If you believe that some of this property is yours, phone the HPD Property Room at 860 757 4180 weekdays 7 am to 2:30 pm. Be prepared to provide a detailed description of the property, the circumstances of its loss, and proof of ownership as necessary.

Positive identification is required before property will be released. If not claimed, items may be sold at public auction, destroyed, donated, or released to a finder.

July - September 2022 7239405

The Keeney Foundation, Inc. The Annual returns for the fiscal year ending 12-31-2021 for the above Foundation are available for public inspection by any citizen who requests them within 180 days after the publication of this notice at the address listed below during regular business hours. The BHR Group, Morgan Stanley, Goodwin Square Tower, 255 Asylum St. Floor 14, Hartford, CT 06103 8/16/22 7270632

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**INVITATION TO BID**  
Additions and Alterations to  
Richmond Memorial Library, Marlborough, CT  
Town of Marlborough, Connecticut

Sealed Bids for "Additions and Alteration to Richmond Memorial Library "will be received by the Town of Marlborough by hard copy at the Office of the Town Clerk or by e-mail to planner@marlboroughct.net until 10:00 AM local time on Thursday, September 8, 2022. Received Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time. Bids shall be received for furnishing all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary to complete the project in accordance with the plans, drawings and documents prepared by Capital Studio Architects, LLC; 1379 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06108.

Any properly licensed and insured contractors may obtain the proposed forms of Contract Documents, including Plans and Specifications, dated August 1, 2022, Bidding Documents are available to download from the Project's bidding service webpage. To download Bidding Documents: go to the bidding service homepage listed below; select this project's solicitation; sign in and/or register as directed; and select the Bidding Documents for download. Notify the Issuing Office with questions in this regard. Digital ID is not required for this online bid.

Bidding Service - <https://www.advancedplanroom.com/upload>  
The contact person for this project Peter F. Hughes, Planning & Development Director at (860) 295 - 6202, or email planner@marlboroughct.net. Bid proposals shall include the company name, address, telephone number(s), e-mail address and contact person and a potential list of all subcontractors that will be utilized for this project, including their addresses, telephone number(s) and contact person. All bid documents must be completely filled in when submitted and include all required information and documentation. Contractor to provide, with the bid submittal, a written list of its last ten (10) completed projects, including owner name and contact information.

A satisfactory Bid Bond, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid, shall be submitted with each bid. The Bid Bond shall be made payable to the "Town of Marlborough" and shall be properly executed by the Bidder and acceptable sureties. Individual sureties shall not be considered, including certified bank checks. Sureties must be licensed to do business in the State of Connecticut. U.S. Treasury Circular No. 570 (hereinafter "Circular No. 570"), published annually in the Federal Register, lists companies approved to act as surety on bonds securing governmental contracts, the maximum underwriting limits on each contract bonded and the states in which each company is licensed to do business. Use of Circular No. 570 is mandatory.

The successful Bidder shall comply with the requirements of Prevailing Wage Rate Laws in accordance with Section 31-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes. A Payment Bond, Payment of Prevailing Wage Rates, and the submission of certified payroll will be required. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirement for all contractors and subcontractors to provide affirmative action to ensure equal opportunity employment as noted in the Governor's Executive Orders 3, 16, and 17.

The Contractor who is selected to perform this State funded project must comply with C.G.S. § 4a-60, 4a-60a, 4a-60g, and 4a-60h through 4a-60i, including the provisions of C.G.S. § 4a-60g, as amended. (25% of the work with DAS certified Small and Minority owned businesses and 25% of that work with DAS certified Minority, Women and/or Disabled owned businesses). The Contractor must demonstrate good faith effort to meet the 25% set-aside goals.

For municipal public works contracts and quasi-public agency projects, the Contractor must file a written or electronic non-discrimination certification with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. Forms can be found at [http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2982&q=390928&opmNav\\_GID=1806](http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2982&q=390928&opmNav_GID=1806). The successful Bidder will be required to furnish, pay for and post a Performance and Payment Bond (Labor and Material Bond) in the amount of 100% of the contract amount, in the forms included in the Specifications. Surety companies providing performance and payment bond(s) must be licensed to do business in the State of Connecticut and be approved as sureties on Government contracts pursuant to Circular No. 570.

The contractor shall procure at his/her own expense Workers' Compensation, Comprehensive General Liability, Automobile Liability and other insurance with coverage and limits as defined in the Plans and Specifications. Certificates of said insurance must be submitted before starting work on the project. Thirty (30) day notice is required before cancellation. The Town reserves the right to waive any technical defects in the bids; to reject bids which do not conform to the terms and conditions described in the specifications; to reject any, any part of, or all bids; to waive informalities or irregularities in the bidding process; and to accept that bid which the Town deems to be in its best interest, whether or not it is the lowest dollar proposed.

All work to be performed in connection with the proposed project will be subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances and regulations.

If the Town determines, in its sole discretion, to proceed with the work, the successful bidder must execute and deliver the Contract for Construction and furnish a valid Certificate of Insurance with full policies, a Performance Bond, and Payment Bond if applicable, to the Town prior to the start of any work.

It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that it has received any and all addendums to this Invitation to Bid prior to submitting a bid.

The Town reserves the right to revise or amend the plans and specifications from time to time as it deems necessary.

This Invitation to Bid has is not binding on the Town and has been prepared solely to solicit bids and does not constitute a contract offer.

No bids shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) business days after the opening of the bids, without the written consent of the "Owner".

The Town reserves the right to amend, cancel, postpone, withdraw, or resubmit this Invitation for Bid at any time if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.

The Owner is exempt from payment of Sales and Use Taxes on all materials and equipment to be incorporated in the Work. These taxes shall not be included in the Bid.

The Town is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority/Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to apply.

THERE WILL BE A PRE-BID MEETING ON AUGUST 24TH AT 10:00 A.M. The interested bidders are asked to meet at the Library located at 15 School Drive, Marlborough, CT 06447

TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH  
Amy J. Traversa, Acting CEO  
8/16/2022 7270495

## Connecticut

NOTICE OF SALE SUPERIOR COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF MIDDLESEX AT MIDDLETOWN AUGUST 8, 2022, DOCKET NUMBER: MMXCV22-6033779S GREEN ACRES ASSOCIATES, LLC v. CHRISTOPHER M. CERAMI, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ISABEL MONTANO. Pursuant to an order of the Court dated August 8, 2022, a public sale of a 1972 Zimmer Mobile Manufactured Home, identification number 512BR28R owned by The Estate of Isabel Montano shall be held at Green Acres Park Drive, Site #27, Westbrook, Connecticut on September 6, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Any person, including a lien holder or the owner of the mobile manufactured home park, may bid at the sale. THE SALE WILL EXTINGUISH ALL PREVIOUS OWNERSHIP AND LIEN RIGHTS. PLAINTIFF BY: MICHAEL IACUROI, ITS ATTORNEY, 70 WALL STREET, MADISON, CT 06443 203-245-2400 JURIS #419094 8/16, 8/23 & 8/30/22 7267481

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### PROPERTY AUCTION

The tax collector of the Town of Southington has levied upon the following properties in Southington and slated them for public auction to satisfy delinquent taxes and charges under C.G.S. § 12-157. Volume and page numbers refer to the Town's land records. Unless paid, these properties will be auctioned in "as is" condition at 10:00 a.m. on September 7, 2022 at the Southington Town Hall at 75 Main Street.

159 Fleetwood Road (Volume 258 Page 58) owned by John A. Adams, owing \$42,465.87.

7 Whitney Avenue (Volume 1051 Page 593) owned by Mary Ellen Attardo, owing \$16,882.07. First Franklin, A Division of Nat. City Bank of IN; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.; Citibank, N.A.; and Cavalry SPV I, LLC may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

151 Pond View Drive (Volume 216 Page 260) owned by Stephen Louis DeSapio or his Estate, owing \$23,936.35. Citizens Bank, N.A., as successor to RBS Citizens, N.A.; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Stephen Louis DeSapio may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

44 Village Road (Volume 492 Page 353) owned by the Estate of Mary D. Frace, owing \$25,332.32. Gail T. Frace; Spring Lake Village Condominium 1, Inc.; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Mary D. Frace may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

39 Mark Drive Unit 20B (Volume 722 Page 111) owned by Allison S. Goff, owing \$39,820.19. The Hospital of Central Connecticut at New Britain General and Bradley Memorial; Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.; Citibank, N.A.; Mathew Wayne Condominium Association, Inc.; JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as successor to The Dime Savings Bank of New York, FSB; and the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

31 Manor Road (Volume 1332 Page 745) owned by Donald G. Graves or his Estate, owing \$29,679.71. Thomas D. Graves; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Donald G. Graves may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

42 Manor Road (Volume 290 Page 216) owned by Shirleyanne Jakielea a/k/a Shirley Ann Jakielea or her Estate, owing \$27,211.63. Tony Maloney; Juanita Jakielea; Robin Frost; Unifund Credit Corporation; Cityscape Corporation; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Shirleyanne Jakielea a/k/a Shirley Ann Jakielea may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

292 Meriden Avenue (Volume 548 Page 156) owned by Richard J. Luis, owing \$45,367.09.

285 Marion Avenue (Volume 1260 Page 186) owned by Geraldine Milo, owing \$8,873.74. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as successor to Wachovia Bank, N.A. may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

36 Woodruff Street (Volume 683 Page 579) owned by Waldemar Sadowski, owing \$9,111.76. Janina Demko or her Estate; Achieve Financial Credit Union; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Janina Demko may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

89 Laurel Street (Volume 1216 Page 346) owned by Frank J. Slapski, owing \$39,296.97.

367 South End Road (Volume 1410 Page 77) owned by South End Road Trust, owing \$30,662.67. T & T Capital Partners, LLC; John Torneo; may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

23 Charles Street (Volume 1388 Page 608) owned by Donald J. Sperry, Jr., owing \$35,018.56.

1631 Mount Vernon Road (Southington Assessor Map 129 Lot 23) owned by Edward Szpak, owing \$23,353.44.

431 North Main Street (Volume 1308 Page 1044) owned by George Zakreta, owing \$15,533.87. Dyer Trust 2012-1 and Nathan Primus may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

25 Darling Street (Volume 1340 Page 371) owned by George Zakreta, owing \$17,086.70.

The dollar amounts listed are through the end of last month. Additional taxes, interest, fees, and other charges authorized by law accruing after the last day of the month immediately preceding this notice are owed in addition to the amount indicated as due and owing in this notice.

Bidders must present \$5,000 per property in certified funds payable to "Pulman & Comley, Trustee" on the day of the sale, and the winning bidder must pay the balance of the sale price within 5 days or forfeit that deposit. Absent a redemption, the purchaser will take title "free and clear" six months after the auction except for certain encumbrances. Details at [www.cttaxsales.com](http://www.cttaxsales.com). 8/16/22 7267330



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TUESDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and seasonable.  
Northeast wind at 5 to 10 mph.

HIGH 84°  
LOW 61°

WEDNESDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mixed clouds and some sunshine.

HIGH 80°  
LOW 61°

THURSDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and seasonable.

HIGH 83°  
LOW 61°

FRIDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny and very warm.

HIGH 88°  
LOW 64°

SATURDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

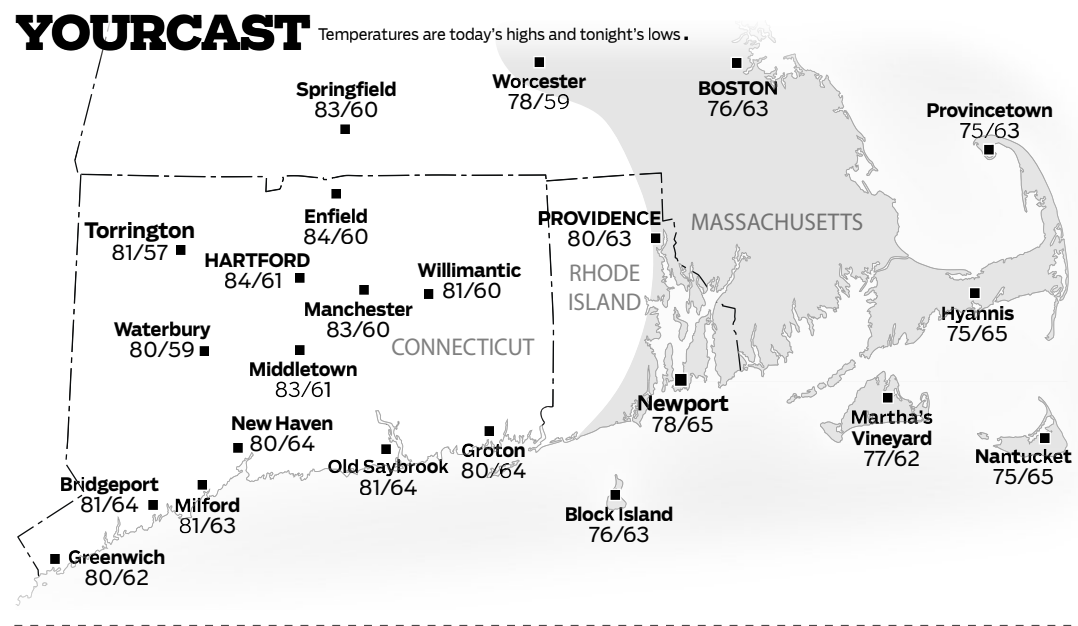
Partly sunny and very warm.

HIGH 89°  
LOW 66°

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OUTLOOK

High pressure will ridge across the region on Tuesday bringing a partly sunny sky with unseasonably low humidity and seasonable temperatures. The wind will be northeast at 5 to 10 mph. An area of low pressure offshore will cause clouds to thicken overnight, but most locations will remain dry because of the storm being so far east. The storm will cause a mixture of clouds and sunshine on Wednesday. The extra clouds should keep afternoon highs a couple degrees cooler. It will warm up for the end of the week, but overall, nothing unexpected for the latter portion of summer.

-Gary Lessor

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Precipitation in Inches

Yesterday (by 5 p.m.)	0.00	0.13
Month to date	2.47	2.22
Total this year	25.30	28.56

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History in Inches

7/17	7/24	7/31	8/7	8/14
0.5	0.2	0.2	1.5	0.1

Air Quality Forecast For Today

Good 42	High 7	Moderate Weeds	84°
Air Quality Today	Ultraviolet index Today	Pollen Count Yesterday	Heat Index Today

Today Tomorrow

Sunrise	6:00 a.m.	6:01 a.m.
Sunset	7:51 p.m.	7:49 p.m.
Moonrise	10:28 p.m.	10:52 p.m.
Moonset	11:09 a.m.	12:17 p.m.

Moon Phase

Last Aug 19

New Aug 27

First Sept 3

Full Sept 10

Tides

	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	1:01 a.m.	7:34 a.m.	72°
Saybrook Jetty	1:37 p.m.	8:18 p.m.	
Connecticut River at Portland	2:12 a.m.	8:27 a.m.	74°
Madison	2:48 p.m.	9:11 p.m.	
New Haven	4:55 a.m.	a.m.	
Stamford	5:31 p.m.	12:13 p.m.	
	2:36 a.m.	8:45 a.m.	74°
	3:03 p.m.	9:20 p.m.	
	2:56 a.m.	9:09 a.m.	75°
	3:23 p.m.	9:44 p.m.	
	3:00 a.m.	9:23 a.m.	76°
	3:27 p.m.	9:58 p.m.	

River Stage at Hartford: 2.75 feet at 5:30 p.m.

Boating Weather

	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Weather	P Cloudy	PC Cloudy	PC Cloudy
Wind	NE, 5-15	NE, 10-15	NE, 10-15
Seas	1 ft.	2 ft.	2-3 ft.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND

Bangor 80 57 PC  
Burlington 79 59 PC  
Caribou 81 55 PC  
Concord 80 60 PC  
Montpelier 74 55 PC  
Mt. Wash. 55 41 C  
Portland 77 63 PC  
Woods Hole 78 61 S

Baltimore 82 61 PC  
Bismarck 88 58 S  
Boise 101 67 S  
Buffalo 76 58 SH  
Charleston 89 71 T  
Cincinnati 80 61 PC  
Cleveland 76 61 SH  
Indianapolis 82 61 PC  
Jacksonville 95 74 PC  
Las Vegas 101 83 PC  
Miami Beach 89 81 PC  
Milwaukee 76 61 PC

Nashville 79 63 C  
New Orleans 93 76 PC  
New York 82 67 PC  
Oklahoma City 101 73 S  
Omaha 72 60 SH  
Orlando 94 75 PC  
Pittsburgh 74 58 SH  
Raleigh 72 63 SH  
St. Louis 74 65 SH  
Salt Lake City 98 70 PC  
San Antonio 96 77 PC  
San Diego 78 68 PC

San Juan 90 79 SH  
Tucson 97 78 PC

WORLD

Amsterdam 82 63 PC  
Athens 94 74 S  
Bangkok 87 75 SH  
Barbados 86 78 S  
Beijing 89 72 PC  
Beirut 85 77 S  
Berlin 89 68 PC  
Bermuda 86 80 SH  
Budapest 92 72 PC  
Buenos Aires 66 50 S  
Cairo 100 73 S  
Cancun 91 78 S  
Dubai 102 88 PC  
Dublin 68 56 SH  
Edinburgh 63 50 SH  
Helsinki 80 66 SH  
Hong Kong 85 75 SH  
Istanbul 89 74 S  
Jerusalem 88 67 S  
Johannesburg 65 43 S  
Kingston 90 76 SH  
Lisbon 79 63 PC  
London 78 61 SH  
Madrid 84 62 S  
Mexico City 72 54 SH  
Milan 89 67 SH  
Montreal 80 64 SH  
Moscow 87 64 PC  
Nassau 87 81 SH  
New Delhi 91 76 SH  
Paris 82 64 C  
Prague 87 64 PC  
Rio de Janeiro 85 72 S  
Rome 90 73 SH  
Seoul 85 70 S  
Singapore 88 79 SH  
Stockholm 81 65 SH  
Sydney 65 50 S  
Tel Aviv 88 77 S  
Tokyo 88 75 SH  
Toronto 77 66 SH  
Vancouver 78 63 S  
Warsaw 87 66 PC

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